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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

February 5, 1985

"MEMBERS PHOTO-NIGHT"

I know there are many club members who photograph birds and birders. Bring 5 to 10 of your favorite bird photographs to the February meeting. Slides will be projected and prints will be displayed. Questions? Call Kathy Hawkins, 757-0809.

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DECEMBER 1984 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

DECEMBER 1, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Nancy Boyd, Denise Boyd, Ruth Breckon, Marsha Grove, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Freda Krolik, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Joe Roller, Norma and Joe Shved, Ann Southcott, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; breezy at times; 22°-38°). 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6½ hours. (33 species, 2010 individuals).

- DECEMBER 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCKR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Lori Babb, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Evan and Ives Hannay, Alan Hay, Jan Justice, Stan Justice, D.W. King, Wade Leitner, Dennis Rothmeier, Dick Schittler, Mort Staatz. (Partly cloudy to clear; wind, NW, 15-25 MPH; 21°-33°). 40 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (46 species, 3066 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Lower South Platte River - Area 4a, Christmas Pre-Count (LPR). Leaders: Ruth Breckon, Floyd Pendell, Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Peggy Duffy, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Dave LaLiberte, Nickie Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode. (Overcast; wind, 0-3 MPH; 31°-51°). 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours. (46 species, 2475 individuals).
- 15, Saturday. Boulder Area: Baseline Reservoir, Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, North Boulder, Sunshine Canyon (BLDR). Observers: Laurens Halsey, Doug Ward. (Overcast to partly cloudy; wind, calm; 40°-45°). 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 4 hours. (56 species, 1867 individuals).
- 30, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Sterling (cemetery) to Crook, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, "Narrows", Orchard (NECOL). Observer: Pat and Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall, Vic Zerbe. (Clear with high overcast in NE Colorado; wind, NE 0-5 MPH; 20°-40°). 365 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 12 hours. (52 species, 24,925 individuals).

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 NWDL PLNS	2 CCKR PLNS	8 LPR PLN	15 BLDR PLFH	30 NECOL PLAIN
Arctic Loon		2			
Common Loon		1			
Pied-billed Grebe	1		2	10	
Horned Grebe		6			
Eared Grebe		12			
Western Grebe		2		1	
Great Blue Heron			1	1	2
Greater White-fronted Goose					1ad
Snow Goose					
"White form					2ad
Canada Goose	755	400	832	950	9000
Wood Duck	4m1f		14		
Green-winged Teal	4				
Mallard	235	100	150	310	7500
Northern Pintail		1ma		1ma	
Northern Shoveler	55	20		15	
Gadwall	8		8		1
American Wigeon	13		67	25	3
Redhead	8	20		30	
Ring-necked Duck	64			35	
Greater Scaup		1fe			
Lesser Scaup	11	2m2f	5	1ma	
Surf Scoter		1			
Common Goldeneye	29	200	8	7	25
Barrow's Goldeneye		4ma			
Bufflehead		30	1		
Hooded Merganser	5	1m1f		2fe	
Common Merganser	10	600	16	30	150
Red-breasted Merganser	2	9fe		10	
Bald Eagle					3a9i
Northern Harrier				1m2f	1m3f
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1ad			1ad
Red-tailed Hawk			3		
"Western" races				1	6ad

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 NWDL PLNS	2 CCKR PLNS	8 LPR PLN	15 BLDR PLFH	30 NECOL PLAIN
Ferruginous Hawk		3ad		1	1ad
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1		1	11
Golden Eagle				1ad	
American Kestrel	3	4	4	2	13
Prairie Falcon				1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant		3			15
Virginia Rail		1(H)			
American Coot	11		35	15	
Killdeer			1		
Common Snipe		1			5
Mew Gull		1im			
Ring-billed Gull	310	1100	516	75	10
California Gull		100			
Herring Gull		150	2	1ad	3
Thayer's Gull		3im	2im		
Rock Dove	109		200	80	300
Mourning Dove			7		
Eastern Screech-Owl			1		
Great Horned Owl		2ad	2		2ad
Belted Kingfisher	1		2		
Downy Woodpecker			3		
"eastern" races				1ma	5
Northern Flicker			18		
"Red-shafted" race	11	3		6	6
Horned Lark				2	175
Steller's Jay				15	
Blue Jay	4	2	7	2	4
Black-billed Magpie	24	50	67	16	6
American Crow	10		2	3	
Black-capped Chickadee		3	13		25
Mountain Chickadee		1		6	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			3	1	4
White-breasted Nuthatch			1		
Brown Creeper			2	1	3
Canyon Wren				1(H)	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1
Townsend's Solitaire	1		4	2	3
American Robin	10	3	69	3	30
Varied Thrush				1	
Bohemian Waxwing					20
Cedar Waxwing			12		60
Northern Shrike					2a1i
European Starling	163	125	212	30	150
Green-tailed Towhee				1	
Rufous-sided Towhee				4	
American Tree Sparrow		10	1	27	35
Fox Sparrow				1	
Song Sparrow		3	8	8	25
Swamp Sparrow					1ad
White-throated Sparrow					1ad
White-crowned Sparrow			9	2	65
Dark-eyed Junco					
"Slate-colored" race	3		2	1	
"Oregon" race			3	5	35
Lapland Longspur					3
Red-winged Blackbird		5	1	1	7000

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 NWDL PLNS	2 CCDR PLNS	8 LPR PLN	15 BLDR PLFH	30 NECOL PLAIN
Western Meadowlark		1			25
Cassin's Finch				13	
House Finch	82	30	66	20	1
Red Crossbill			20		
Common Redpoll				15	1
Pine Siskin	19			2	35
American Goldfinch	10	5	13	37	10
Evening Grosbeak			22	1ma	
House Sparrow	33	40	38	30	125

TOTAL SPECIES - 93 33 46 46 56 52

ABBREVIATIONS: Male = ma, m; Female = fe, f; Adult = ad, a; Immature = im, i; Plains = PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, PL; Foothills = FH; Heard Only = (H).

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1984 REPORTS:

Common Loon 12-1 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DW); 12-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR).

Horned Grebe 12-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Double-crested Cormorant 12-19 (1 immature) I-70 and Ward Pond, Jefferson Co. (AH); 12-20 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Tundra Swan 12-14 (2 adults, 1 immature) pond on 63rd street at Arapahoe Rd., Boulder (JW).

Snow Goose ("White" form) 12-2 (11) Woods Reservoir, Weld Co. (DB, JC, KC, VZ); 12-26 (1 adult) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder, Co. (DW).

Ross's Goose 12-21 (1) Chatfield Arboretum, Jefferson Co. (DB); 12-28 (1) Chatfield-? (LH, DW, JW).

White-winged Scoter 12-1 (1 female) pond below Pueblo Reservoir Dam, Pueblo Co. (DB, DS, VZ).

Barrow's Goldeneye 12-24 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Red-breasted Merganser 12-24 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Bald Eagle 12-25 (1 adult, 1 immature) Virginia Dale, Larimer Co. (DB).

Northern Goshawk 12-27 (1 adult) McClintock Trail, Boulder (Doug Ward, Judy Ward).

Greater Yellowlegs 12-19 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).

Bonaparte's Gull 12-1 (3 adults) Union Reservoir (DW).

Thayer's Gull 12-26 (1, first year) Walden Pond, Boulder (DW).

Sawn Swallow 12-16 (1 immature) Valmont Reservoir (WF, BJ).

Sushtit 12-1 (8) along Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (DB).

Golden-crowned Kinglet 12-25 (2) Virginia Dale (DB); 12-27 (1) McClintock Trail, Boulder (DW, JW).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12-23 (1) Waterton, Jefferson Co. (JR, VR).

Varied Thrush 12-11 (1) & 12-16 (1) Sunshine Canyon, Boulder (DW, JW).

Gray Catbird 12-26 (1 adult) 1 mile east of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ).

Vater Pipit 12-25 (1) Chatfield State Park (BD).

Bohemian Waxwing 12-1 (4); 12-21 to 12-31 (up to 200) 9224 Baseline Rd., Lafayette (DW, JW).

Northern Cardinal 12-30 (1 male, 1 female) Gray, Yuma Co. (DB, JC).

Swamp Sparrow 12-9 (1) Arkansas River, southeast of Holly, Prowers Co. (DB).

Golden-crowned Sparrow 12-27 (1) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (DB); 12-28 (1) Bear Creek Lake Park, (LH, DW, JW) - also many others (ED).

Rusty Blackbird 12-1 (12) Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir Dam (DB, DS, VZ).

Rosy Finch ("Gray-crowned" race) 12-12 (1) & 12-13 (1) 9224 Baseline Rd., Lafayette (DW, JW); 12-29 (40) Pawnee Buttes, Weld Co. (DB, JC).

Common Redpoll 12-8 (6) Ken-Caryl Ranch, Jefferson Co. (AH); 12-23 (60) Chatfield S.P. (JR, VR).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB); Jerry Cairo (JC); Kevin Cook (KC); Bertha Durfee (BD); Warren Lock (WF); Laurens Halsey (LH); Alan Hay (AH); Bob Jickling (BJ); Jack Reddall (JR); Dr J.V. Lemsen, Jr. (VR); Dave Silverman (DS); Doug Ward (DW); Judy Ward (JW); Vic Zerbi (VZ).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1985

- FEBRUARY
- 2 ✓ Saturday. Sedalia, West Plum Creek. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Carpool 7:30 AM at Safeway store, South Logan and Hampden. Meet leader at Sedalia (Pete's Place) at 8:00 AM.*
 - 3 ✓ Sunday. Denver Zoo Bird House Tour. Leader: Edward Schmidt, Curator Denver Zoological Gardens. Meet at 1:00 PM at Main Gate off 23rd Ave. No Admission.
 - 9 ✓ Saturday. Northeast Colorado. Leader: Wade Leitner (699-7281). Meet at 7:00 AM at airport Budget Motel, west side of Chambers Rd. north of I-70.*
 - 10 ✓ Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 AM north lot Denver Museum of Natural History. ½ day. Lunch optional.
 - 16 ✓ Saturday. Feeder Tour. Littleton/Deer Creek. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:30 AM at Woodlawn Shopping Center, S. Windemere & Littleton Blvd.*
 - 17 ✓ Sunday. South Platte River Urban Greenway. Leader: Lyle Jordan (770-1033). Meet at 8:00 AM at Bellevue & S. Federal, west of King Soopers. ½ day. Lunch optional.
 - 23 ✓ Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Carpool at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden (southwest of May D&F). Meet at 8:00 AM at West Gate of Chatfield.*
 - 24 ✓ Sunday. Bear Creek - Sheridan to Foothills. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden (southwest of May D&F).*

* Bring Lunch

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SPECIAL THANKS

We'd like to thank Tina Jones for her very generous contribution toward the Rare Bird Alert.

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ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 20, 1985 OR MEMBERS WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE D.F.O. ROLLS. PLEASE BE PROMPT

SCRAP BOOK: If you have any items (newspaper clippings, etc.) which you feel would be appropriate to put into the D.F.O. Scrap Book please contact Judy Ward (666-8985).

DFO member Walter Collins of Boulder, and David Jasper of Grand Lake, have recently published a field checklist entitled The Birds of Grand County, Colorado, Including Rocky Mountain National Park West of the Continental Divide and Arapaho National Recreation Area. The pamphlet includes monthly frequency probabilities throughout the entire twelve months as well as habitat information. Since the bird species seen in Grand County are somewhat different from those seen east of the Divide, anyone planning to bird in that area will find the publication particularly useful. It is available for 50 cents a copy at the University of Colorado Book Store on the Boulder Campus, the Park Visitor Centers, the Museum Store at the Denver Museum of Natural History, a number of outlets in Grand County, and from Dr. Collins at 1425 Sierra Drive, Boulder, CO 80302. [Please enclose self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope for the latter.] The American Birding Association sells it on order for one dollar.

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"RECENT BIRD SLIDES"

by

Harold Holt

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TUESDAY APRIL 2, 1985

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JANUARY 2, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Boulder (Chautauqua Park, Valmont Res., Baseline Res.) to Muir Springs Park (NECOL). Observers: Laurens Halsey, Doug Ward. (Partly cloudy; wind calm; 25°-45°). 250 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 10½ hours. (75 species, 8689 individuals).

5, Saturday. South Platte Urban (SPU). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Virginia Edens, Fred Hager, Al Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Barbara Miles, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Ted Stockmar, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; 33°-50°). 17 miles

JANUARY by car, 1 mile on foot. 4 hours. (24 species, 474 individuals).

- 6, Sunday. Waterton, Chatfield State Park, McClellan Reservoir (WCM). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Al Hay, Gene Hendricks, Thompson Marsh, Nickie Pliler, Jim and Margaret Vernon. (Clear; wind light; 40°). (38 species, 1275 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Warren Finch, Terry Flageolle, Al Hay, Fred Houser, Wade Leitner, John Leonard, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; minus 5° to plus 25°). 2 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6 hours. (37 species, 850 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Barr Lake S.P., Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Bill and Sylvia Brockner, Terry Flageolle, Fred and Brenda Houser, Rex McGehee, Judy Ward, Henry Webster. (Clear; wind 0-20 MPH; 25°-45°). 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (40 species, 3427 individuals).
- 18, Friday. East central Colorado: Byers to Bonny Reservoir (Yuma Co.) and return (ECCO). Observers: Laurens Halsey, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Clear; wind calm; 45°-60°). 210 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 11½ hours. (50 species, 7846 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Greeley Area: Wood's Lake, South Platte River areas, Linn Grove Cemetery, Latham Reservoir and adjacent county roads (GRLV). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Al Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Rex McGehee, Karen Rubash, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy with light to moderate snow in afternoon; wind, E, shifting to N by noon, 5-15 MPH; 26° dropping to 8°). 68 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours. (37 species, 2717 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Ruth Breckon. (Cloudy becoming sunny with 2" of new snow; wind 0-5 MPH; 8°-26°). 4 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5 hours. (21 species, 412 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Boulder Area: Valmont Reservoir, Lower Sunshine Canyon, Bluebell Canyon, Enchanted Mesa (BOULDER). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Warren Finch, Larry Halsey, Phil Hayes, Ed Hollub, Gretchen and Glenn Izett, Don Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Judy Merrill, Sue Parish, Bob Spencer, Doug Ward, Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; wind 0-10 MPH; 35°-42°). (47 species, 4564 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Virginia Edens, Terry Flageolle, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Dick Schottler, Robert Spencer, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind 5 MPH; 34°). 5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours. (13 species, 276 individuals).
- 29, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Sky obscured in heavy fog, becoming partly cloudy and hazy; wind, S, 0-5 MPH; 18°-36°). 34 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 10½ hours. (42 species, 5104 individuals).

JANUARY	2	5	6	12	13	18	19	20	26	27	29	
AREA	NECOL	SPU	WCM	WGB	BARR	ECCO	GRLV	CSP	BOULDER	RRP	CCRA	
HABITAT	FH	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FH	PLNS	FHL	PLNS
Common Loon												1
Pied-billed Grebe		3		1						10		1
Horned Grebe										1		
Western Grebe		10								6		
Great Blue Heron		2	1		1		1	1				
Black-crowned Night Heron			6									
Snow Goose												
"White" form		1										
Ross' Goose				1								

JANUARY	2	5	6	12	13	18	19	20	26	27	29	
AREA	NECOL	SPU	WCM	WGB	BARR	ECCO	GRLV	CSP	BOULDER	RRP	CCRA	
HABITAT	FH	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FH	PLNS	FHL	PLNS
Canada Goose		4595	225	500	130	2000	360	145	226		2500	300
Wood Duck					3							
Green-winged Teal			4	5			6				75	
Mallard		1020	10	24	75	400	5000	1500	2	1200	200	
Northern Pintail		50	1			1ma	5	8				
Northern Shoveler		21	16							20		
Gadwall		2	38			24	2			4	1m2f	
American Wigeon		12	52		8	2	4			20		
Canvasback		4m4f								4		
Redhead		2			10					15		
Ring-necked Duck		50		40	17	6ma				35		
Greater Scaup					2							
Lesser Scaup			5	12	9							11
Common Goldeneye		75	15	20	8	50	35			6	130	
Bufflehead										2		
Hooded Merganser			2	6						2		
Common Merganser		70	16e	20		150	20			250	1200	
Red-breasted Merganser		20								10	4m1f	
Bald Eagle		3ad				3a1i	3im	1a1i		1ad		
Northern Harrier		1m3f				1m6f	2fe	6			3fe	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1im					3a1i					
Cooper's Hawk							1im	1				
Northern Goshawk	1a						2im		1ad	1a		
Red-tailed Hawk				2				4				
"Western" races		9			3	3	5			2	2	
"Harlan's" race		1					1				1	
Ferruginous Hawk		1		1		2	4	2				
Rough-legged Hawk		4		4	1	9	7	11			1	
Golden Eagle				2			1im					
American Kestrel		15	1	6	2	6	4	6	2		2	
Merlin						1						
Prairie Falcon		1				2	1	2				
Ring-necked Pheasant		1ma				5	1-H	3	1		1ma	
Virginia Rail		1									4	
American Coot		27	4		16					60		
Killdeer		2									4	
Greater Yellowlegs					1							
Common Snipe		6									6	
Ring-billed Gull		110	30	200	18			1		200	2000	
California Gull										4		
Herring Gull		9	1	15		10		4		30	150	
Thayer's Gull										3im	4im	
Glaucous Gull								1ad		1	1a1i	
Rock Dove		140	37	50	50	10	7	35		30	100	1
Eastern Screech-Owl					1							
Great Horned Owl		2				3	8		2		1-N	
Long-eared Owl							1					
Short-eared Owl							5					
Gull sp.		50										
Belted Kingfisher		1	2	2					1		1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker							2					
Downy Woodpecker				2	2	2		2	2	1		
"Batchelder's" race											1	
eastern races		5					3				1fe	

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	2 NECOL FH PLNS	5 SPU PLN	6 WCM PLN	12 WGB PLN	13 BARR PLNS	18 ECCO PLNS	19 GRLV PLNS	20 CSP PLN	26 BOULDER FH PLNS	27 RRP FHL	29 CCRA PLNS
Hairy Woodpecker		1							1		
eastern races						1					
Northern Flicker		2	3			2	1				
"Yellow-shafted" race		2		1		2					
"Red-shafted" race	2	12	3	27	1	5		7	1	3	5
Horned Lark		185			200	1365	210				6
Steller's Jay	12								22		
Blue Jay		15		4		17	3				2
Scrub Jay			4							7	
Black-billed Magpie	6	42	10	10	106	15	55	22	10	4	20
American Crow		2	3	6	3	5	6			1	150
Common Raven	6		6					1	2		5
Black-capped Chickadee		31	10	16	8	28	5	9	4	1	6
Mountain Chickadee	25			4	1						4
Red-breasted Nuthatch	20			5					6		
White-breasted Nuthatch	6								2		
Pygmy Nuthatch	15								18		
Brown Creeper				6	2						
Canyon Wren									1	4	
Marsh Wren		3				2					2
American Dipper			2	1							
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1									
Townsend's Solitaire	7	1	1			12			1	10	
American Robin	5	12	2		2	110	38		20	5	10
Varied Thrush						16e			1m		
Bohemian Waxwing							75				75
Cedar Waxwing		30					125				
Northern Shrike		3	1		1	3		1			
European Starling	20	260	109	85	75	110	150	4		10	275
Rufous-sided Towhee		2	2						1H	2	
American Tree Sparrow		125	8	2	30	90	18	5			3
Song Sparrow		59	3	6	10	8		2			9
Lincoln's Sparrow		1									
Swamp Sparrow		1ad									
White-throated Sparrow						1					
White-crowned Sparrow		35				1	1				
Harris' Sparrow		3				15					
Dark-eyed Junco		19			2			13			
"White-winged" race		1				1			1		
"Slate-colored" race	2	25		1		38		1			
"Oregon" race	6	30		1		69		2	2	10	1
"Gray-headed" race	5		6						14		
Lapland Longspur						35					
Red-winged Blackbird		775	2	165	200	300	225	250			300
Western Meadowlark		17				8	2				
Rusty Blackbird							12				
Brewer's Blackbird		40									55
Rosy Finch											
"Gray-crowned" race										90	
"Black" race										10	
Pine Grosbeak	9										
Cassin's Finch	5										
House Finch	5	25	5	8	2	20		4	3		50
Red Crossbill	25										
Common Redpoll				1				5			

JANUARY	2	5	6	12	13	18	19	20	26	27	29	
AREA	.NECOL	.SPU.	WCM.	WGB.	BARR.	ECCO.	GRV.	CSP.	BOULDER.	RRP.	CCRA.	
HABITAT	FH	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FH	PLNS	FHL	PLNS
Line Siskin	14		1		2-H	25	5					
American Goldfinch	54		20	1	2	30	2	113			2	
Evening Grosbeak	60											
House Sparrow	.35.	250.	.	17.	50.	100.	50.	.	.	6.	50.	
TOTAL SPECIES-107	75	24	38	37	40	50	37	21	47	13	42	

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Adult=ad, a; Immature=im, i; Plains=PLN, PLNS; Foothills=FH, FHL; Heard only=H; Observed on nest=N.

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1985 REPORTS:

Common Loon 1-3 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (LH, DW, JW); All month (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR).

Horned Grebe 1-3 (1) & 1-4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Snow Goose ("White" form) 1-4 (3 adults) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Ross' Goose 1-19 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH, JR).

Greater Scaup 1-3 (1 male) Prospect Park Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (LH, DW, JW); 1-5 (1 male, 1 immature female) Prospect Park Lake (KH, JR); 1-24 (1 immature female) Prospect Park Lake (JR).

Oldsquaw 1-25 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (WL, JR).

Bald Eagle 1-5 (1 adult) north Boulder (JW); 1-17 (1 adult) below Pueblo Reservoir Dam (JR); 1-19 (1 adult) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. (KH, JR); 1-20 (3 immatures) north Boulder (DW, JW); 1-25 (2 adults, 4 immatures) Bonny Reservoir (WL, JR).

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1-4 (2 adults) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 1-19 (1 immature) 9224 Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DW, JW).

Cooper's Hawk 1-17 (1 adult) along Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir Dam (JR).

Northern Goshawk all month (1 sub-adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-5 (1 immature) Bonny Reservoir (WL, DM); 1-24 (1 immature) North Gateway Rock, Garden of the Gods, El Paso Co. (RB).

Merlin 1-3 (1, "Richardson's" race) Chatfield State Park, Douglas Co. (JR); 1-4 (1) Chatfield State Park (TM); 1-5 (1, "Richardson's" race) Last Chance, Washington Co. (WL, DM); 1-7 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (WL, JR); 1-12 (1, "Richardson's" race) I-25 at Baseline Rd. (JW); 1-24 (1) Observatory Park, Denver (BR); 1-26 (1) Antioch Community Church, El Paso Co. (RB, BM).

Wild Turkey 1-4 (2 males, 11 females) Goodrich, Morgan Co. (WL, DM) Transplants by Colo. Division of Wildlife (?) - ED.

Lesser Gull (*Larus canus brachyrhynchus*). 1-27 (1, first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Hayer's Gull all month (up to 3 first winter immatures) McClellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (several observers); 1-27 (1, first year) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Co. (many observers); 1-27 (1 adult, 4 first winter immatures). Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Glaucous Gull 1-19 through 1-29 (1 adult, 1 first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-27 (1 first year) Valmont Reservoir (m.ob.); 1-29 (2 adults, 2 immatures), Cherry Creek Reservoir (JW).

Mourning Dove 1-5 (1) Bonny Reservoir (WL, DM).

Common Barn-Owl 1-15 (1 adult) St. Charles River at Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (WL, JR); 1-25 (1 adult) along US HWY 36 (mile post 114) Adams Co. (WL, JR).

Eastern Screech-Owl 1-4 (1, gray phase, road kill). Co. Rd. 12 at Colo. HWY 144, "Narrows", Morgan Co. (JR).

Northern Pygmy-Owl 1-5 (1) along Highline Canal near James A. Bible Park, Denver (TM); 1-10 (1) 8/10 mile south of intersection of Co. Rds. 67 & 97, Douglas Co. (DR, JR).

Northern Saw-whet Owl 1-7 (2, heard giving "cat" calls only) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (WL, JR).

Lewis' Woodpecker 1-7 (1) Louviers, Douglas Co. (WL, JR); 1-15 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DW, JW).

Plain Titmouse 1-27 (2) Spring Canyon, Garden of the Gods (RB).

- Bewick's Wren 1-17 (1) along Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir Dam (JR).
 Marsh Wren 1-5 (7) Bonny Reservoir (WL, DM).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 1-7 (7) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (WL, JR).
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1-3 (1) Waterton (JR); 1-7 (2) Waterton (WL, JR); 1-15 (1) along St. Charles River at Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (WL, JR); 1-17 (1) along Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir Dam (JR).
 Eastern Bluebird 1-14 (1 male) one mile east of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ).
 Mountain Bluebird 1-15 (1 male) near Platteville, Weld Co. (DW, JW).
 Varied Thrush all month (1 male) Sunshine Canyon (Centennial Park), Boulder Co. (m.ob.); 1-5 (1 female) Bonny Reservoir (WL, DM).
 Gray Catbird 1-6 (1) and 1-9 (1) one mile east of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ).
 Northern Mockingbird 1-4 (1) Chatfield S.P. (TM).
 Bohemian Waxwing all month (up to 100) Louisville area (DW, JW); 1-10 (500) one mile east of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ); 1-21 through 1-23 (700) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Loggerhead Shrike 1-15 (1) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (WL, JR); 1-26 (1) Ellicott Highway, El Paso Co. (RB, BM).
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 1-25 (1) 1711 Illinois, Golden (WF).
 Green-tailed Towhee 1-1 (1) Sunshine Canyon, Boulder Co. (LH, DW, JW).
 Brown Towhee 1-15 (8) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (WL, JR); 1-22 (2) Hidden Inn, Garden of the Gods (RR).
 Golden-crowned Sparrow all month (1) Bear Creek Lake Park (m.ob.).
 Rosy Finch ("Gray-crowned" race) 1-10 (2) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (JR); ("Black" race) 1-10 (2) Red Rocks Park (JR).
 Pine Grosbeak 1-2 (9) Boulder (LH, DW); 1-20 (4) Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins (DR, JR); 1-26 (8) Eaton Reservoir, northwest Larimer Co. (DB); 1-30 (15) C.U. campus, Boulder (DW).
 White-winged Crossbill 1-18 (2 males, 1 female) Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins (BG); 1-22 (1) Spring Canyon, Garden of the Gods (RB).
 Common Redpoll 1-15 (10) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (DW, JW); 1-19 (5) Bijou Reservoir (KH, JR).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1985

MARCH 2, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 AM at west gate of Cherry Creek Rec. Area.*

3, Sunday. Red Rocks and vicinity. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 1:00 PM at the Trading Post in Red Rocks Park. Plan to dress warm and stay to see Rosy Finches about 3:30 PM.

- MARCH 9, Saturday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, W. 38th Ave. and Wadsworth, 7:15 AM and meet leader at 8:00 AM at International House of Pancakes, Baseline and Broadway.*
- 10, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Dick Schottler ⁹⁸⁵⁻⁰⁵⁷⁹ ~~(985-0597)~~. Meet at 6:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*
- 16, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado. Raptors. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 7:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*
- 17, Sunday. McClellan Reservoir, Daniels Park. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Carpool at 7:30 AM at Howard Johnsons, east of I-25 on Hampden Ave.*
- 23, Saturday. Bear Creek, plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May-D&F, Hampden & Sheridan.*
- 24, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F, Hampden & Sheridan.*
- 30, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes. Early shore birds. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 8:00 AM, Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan.*
- 31, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Alan Hay. (422-0239). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park, 44th Ave. near Robb St. (west of Kipling). Lunch optional.

*Bring Lunch

Submitted By

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FIELD TRIP CHAIRPERSONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:
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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc.).
5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.
6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data of Field Trips is an important but difficult and time-consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

NOTICE

The 2nd Annual Monterey Pelagic Bird Trip will be Oct. 9-13. Approximate cost will be \$150 from San Francisco, and includes a \$20 donation to DFO. Limit 8 birders. \$30 deposit. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) after March 17th.

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NOTICES

Our Rare Bird Alert Machine has had to be repaired at a cost of \$80.00. Any contributions toward this would be greatly appreciated. Please send any donations to Bob Righter, 2358 S. Fillmore, Denver, CO 80210 (692-8529).

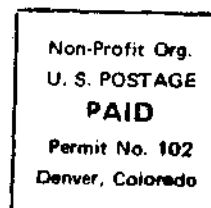
WESTERN FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS 1985 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1985 Annual Meeting of Western Field Ornithologists, publishers of Western Birds, will be held on Thursday through Sunday, 2-5 May, 1985, at the Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA. The business meeting and paper sessions will be on Saturday. Field trips to such birding hotspots as the Salton Sea, Morongo Valley and Joshua Tree National Monument are planned for Thursday, Friday and Sunday. A preregistration discount will be given to participants who register by mail before April 12. For information and registration forms, please write Narca A. Moore-Craig, P.O. Box 254, Lakeview, CA 92353 or call Peter Gent (303) 494-1750.

SPECIAL THANKS

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NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

April 2, 1985

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Alan Hay, Dick Schottler (1987).

FEBRUARY 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

FEBRUARY 2, Saturday. Trip Cancelled.

- 3, Sunday. Tour of Bird World (Denver Zoo) and behind the scenes. Guide: Bill Loessburg (courtesy of Ed Schmitt, Curator). Guests: Nancy Boyd, Denise Boyd, Ruth Breckon, Susie Chase, Fred Hager, DeLeme Hager, Jeff Hager, Evan & Ives Hannay, Alan & Dee Hay, Gred Henke, Louis Henke, Nancy Henke, Sarah Leedom, Mary Lederer, John Leonard, Rich Maslow, Harold & Betty Oliver, Joe & Norma Shwed, Dot Stuit, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler.
- 9, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch, Sterling (cemetery), Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, "Narrows" (NECO). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Warren Finch, Terry Flageolle, Evan & Ives Hannay, Hazel Kellogg, Ken LaBorde, Pat Leitner, John Leonard, Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer. (Intermittent

FEBRUARY 9, (cont.)

- snow and fog; wind 5-10 MPH; 150-200°) 325 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12¼ hours. (50 species, 17,530 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.
- 10, Sunday. Southcentral Colorado: Garden of the Gods, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Nature Center, return to Cherry Creek Reservoir (SCCO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Clear to Partly cloudy, snow showers in P.M.; wind, W, 10-20 MPH, shifting to NE, 10-15 MPH; 280-550°). 269 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12 hours. (43 species, 5549 individuals).
- 11, Monday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, SW, 5-10 MPH; 80-450°). 40 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 10½ hours. (45 species, 4098 individuals).
- 15, Friday. Denver Metropolitan Area: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Mathews/Winters Park, Red Rocks Park, Morrison, Chatfield State Park, McClellan Reservoir (METRO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy, becoming high overcast; wind, SW, 5-15 MPH; 380-520°). 108 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 10½ hours. (59 species, 13111 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Feeders: Littleton, Deer Creek and Mount Lindo (FEEDR). Leaders: Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Hilda Eichenberger, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Ed Holland, Hazel Kellogg, D.W. King, Ron Lestina, Mary Louise Myers, Joe & Norma Shwed, Vito Tursi, Helen Williams. (Overcast, then clearing; 230-340°). 50 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours. (30 species, 390 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. South Platte River Urban Greenway (SPR). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Dan Bridges, Bruce Heitler, Jacob Heitler, Jesse Heitler, Sara Heitler, Susan Heitler, Don Johnson. (Clear; wind calm; 320-480°). 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. (27 species, 341 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Don Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Snowing early, clearing later, 6" fresh snow; wind 0-8 MPH; 250-380°). 22 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (24 species, 796 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Bear Creek to the foothills: Bear Creek Park, Greenbelt, Bear Creek Reservoir, Morrison Picnic Ground (BCK). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Betty & Harold Oliver. (Clear; wind, NW, 0-10 MPH; 260-450°). 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (36 species, 664 individuals).
- 25, Monday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy with sky ultimately obscured in driving snow; wind variable 0-10 MPH, becoming NE, 20-30 MPH late; 320-510°). 44 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12 hours. (49 species, 5618 individuals).

FEBRUARY	9	10	11	15	16	17	23	24	25	
AREA	NECO	SCCO	CCRA	METRO	FEEDR.	SPR.	CSP	BCK	CCRA	
HABITAT	PLNS	PLFH	PLNS	PL/FH	PL/FH	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLNS	
Common Loon			1	1					1	
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1							
Great Blue Heron	1			1		1				
Black-crowned Night Heron						3				
Snow Goose										
"White" form			3ad						1ad	
Canada Goose	5000	10	750	2000	76	120	478	84	150	
Green-winged Teal			35	7				2	50	
Mallard	5000	125	200	190	6	15	8	45	40	
Northern Pintail	4			12				2	70	
Northern Shoveler	1			10		12				
Gadwall						22		10		
American Wigeon	1			30		23		8	1ma	
Redhead				6m3f				1		
Ring-necked Duck			3m1f	30		2			2ma	
Greater Scaup				1fe						
Lesser Scaup		8	8	30		10			50	
Common Goldeneye	20	60	70	200		13			150	
Barrow's Goldeneye				1ma						
Hooded Merganser			1fe	1fe						
Common Merganser	300	1000	1000	1100		12			1000	
Red-breasted Merganser	1fe	2ma	7m3f	13m4f					13m2f	
Bald Eagle	1im								1ad	
Northern Harrier	2ma	3fe		1m1f					1fe	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5					1			1ad	
Red-tailed Hawk	3				1	1				
"Western" races		5	1	3a2i			1	2	2	
Ferruginous Hawk	3		1im				1	1		
Rough-legged Hawk	7	1		1			1	6		
Golden Eagle				1ad						
American Kestrel	7	3	1	4	1		2	9	1ma	
Prairie Falcon	1							2	1im	
Ring-necked Pheasant	2m1f		1m7f	2ma					2ma	
Virginia Rail			1-H						5-H	
American Coot				15		8				
Killdeer	2		4						1	
Common Snipe	15		5	2				2	4	
New Gull									1im	
King-billed Gull		3000	1200	6000		42		3	3500	
California Gull		1a1i		1im					1im	
Herring Gull	1	100	150	300		3			100	
Hayer's Gull			2im	6i, 1a					1im	
Glaucous Gull			1ad						1im	
Rock Dove	500	180	50	50		15	11	56	6	
Great Horned Owl	4		*2ad	*2ad			1		*2ad	
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1			2		1fe	1ma	
Downy Woodpecker	7				2		2	5		
"Batchelder's" race									1	
Northern Flicker	10						1			
"Red-shafted" race		3	8	2	4	2		12	7	
Horned Lark	1200	7	1	10			30	13		
Steller's Jay		1		2		12		3		
Blue Jay	20		2	1	5				2	
Scrub Jay		7		1		2		9		
Black-billed Magpie	30	75	100	150	10	2	4	18	39	55
American Crow		2		125	2	2	8	1		

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	9 NECO PLNS	10 SCCO PLFH	11 CCRA PLNS	15 METRO PL/FH	16 FEEDR PL/FH	17 SPR PLN	23 CSP PLN	24 BCK PLN	25 CCRA PLNS	
Common Raven			3	1	1					
Black-capped Chickadee	8	3	5	12	13	1	10	18	6	
Mountain Chickadee		2		2	27					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2			3	1					
White-breasted Nuthatch		1			5			1	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch		15			8					
Brown Creeper	3			1				1		
Canyon Wren		1-H								
Marsh Wren			1						2	
American Dipper				2			2	4		
Townsend's Solitaire	4	5		3	2				1	
American Robin	2000	10	60	50	23	2	1	69	42	60
Bohemian Waxwing			100							
Cedar Waxwing					7					
Northern Shrike	2		1ad	3ad			1	1		
European Starling	250	150	175	2150	65	9	37	152	100	
Rufous-sided Towhee	2	7ma								
Brown Towhee		1								
American Tree Sparrow	1200	3	20	15	1		10		45	
Song Sparrow	20	4	7	7		2	10	3	8	
Golden-crowned Sparrow								1		
White-crowned Sparrow	8								5	
Harris' Sparrow	3im									
Dark-eyed Junco							4			
"White-winged" race		1	2		2					
"Slate-colored" race	30		3		1	2	1			
"Oregon" race	5	10	10	30	4	5	6	35	12	
"Gray-headed" race		10		5	4			8		
Red-winged Blackbird	1500	525	180	150	2	2		8	15	
Western Meadowlark	52	1								
Brewer's Blackbird			20	200						
Rosy Finch				5						
Cassin's Finch					1	4				
House Finch	1	35	50	50	28	12	6	36	60	
Red Crossbill	13	2								
Common Redpoll	2						5			
Pine Siskin	120	125		20	4	8	4		1	
American Goldfinch	5	25	10	1	3					
Evening Grosbeak				8	7		75		75	
House Sparrow	150	15	50	70	24	8		38		
TOTAL SPECIES - 88	50	43	45	59	30	27	24	36	49	

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Adult=ad, a; Immature=im, i; Plains=PL, PLN, PLNS; Foothills=FH; Heard Only=H; One Adult On Nest=*

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1985 REPORTS

Common Loon all month (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR)
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 2-20 (2) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC)
 Wood Duck 2-14 (25) Pueblo River Greenway, Pueblo Co. (JR)
 Greater Scaup 2-2 (1 adult male) South Platte Park, Jefferson Co. (DS)
 Barrow's Goldeneye 2-18 (1 adult male) McClellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (DS)
 Bald Eagle 2-16 (4 adults, 1 sub-adult, 4 immatures) along So. Platte River between Muir Springs Park and Orchard, Morgan Co. (JC)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 2-14 (1 adult) Pueblo Nature Center, Pueblo Co. (JR)

Cooper's Hawk 2-20 (1) Greeley (JC)
 Northern Goshawk 2-6 (1 adult) Jump Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR); 2-8 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL)
 Golden Eagle 2-17 (2 adults, 1 immature) Pawnee Buttes, Weld Co. (JC)
 Merlin 2-16 (1 male - dark race) along Colo. HWY 52 just west of Prospect Valley (JW)
 Sage Grouse 2-16 (10) Arapahoe NWR, Jackson Co. (DB)
 Sharp-tailed Grouse 2-6 (5) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR)
 Franklin's Gull 2-8 (1 first winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL) Details provided - ed.
 Mew Gull 2-26 (1 transition immature - first winter to first summer) Cherry Creek Reservoir (LH, WL, JR) Details provided - ed.
 California Gull 2-10 (1 adult, 1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH, JR); 2-26 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (LH, WL).
 Thayer's Gull all month (up to 6 immatures, 1 adult) between Cherry Creek & McClellan Reservoirs (m.ob)
 Glaucous Gull all month (up to 5 immatures, 1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR, m.ob); 2-17 & 2-18 (2 immatures) McClellan Reservoir (DS)
 Great Horned Owl all month (1 adult) Denver Federal Center, Lakewood (DS); all month (1 adult on nest, 2nd adult nearby) campground, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 2-18 (1) Genesee Park, Jefferson Co. (DS)
 Three-toed Woodpecker 2-18 (1 male, 1 female) .75 miles from the Mesa Cortina Trailhead (South Willow Creek) out of Silverthorne, Summit Co. (VMG). Details provided - ed.
 Gray Jay 2-15 (1) Glendevy, Larimer Co. (DB)
 Pinyon Jay 2-28 (1) Brown's Park NWR, Moffat Co. (DB)
 Plain Titmouse 2-14 (4) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (JR)
 Bushtit 2-14 (35) Lathrop State Park (JR)
 Marsh Wren 2-14 (1) Lathrop State Park (JR)
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2-23 (1) Green Mountain, Lakewood (DS)
 Mountain Bluebird 2-14 (1) along Rooney Rd. between Morrison & Alameda Parkway, Jefferson Co. (PH); 2-14 (1 male) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (JR)
 Bohemian Waxwing many sightings/reports all month from Greeley to Englewood.
 Loggerhead Shrike 2-14 (1) Burnt Mill Rd. (JR)
 White-throated Sparrow 2-6 (1 immature) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR); 2-16 (1 adult) So. Platte River near Weldona, Morgan Co. (JC)
 Harris' Sparrow 2-6 (2) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR); 2-22 (2) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 2-24 (1) below Waterton Bridge, Jefferson Co. (DB)
 Lapland Longspur 2-2 (150) along Co. Rd. between Co. Rds. 1 & 3, Morgan Co. (JR); 2-16 (1 "fly-over") near Weldona (JC)
 Red Crossbill 2-6 (8) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR); 2-16 (8) Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins (DB)
 Common Redpoll 2-22 (10) Linn Grove Cemetery, Greeley (JC)

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1985

~~APRIL 6~~, Saturday. Windsor Lake, Fairmont Cemetery. Leaders: Don & Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 7:00 AM at Mortuary lot on Quebec south of Alameda.*

✓ 7, Sunday. Easter, no trip scheduled.

13, Saturday. Wray - Greater Prairie Chickens. Leader: David Martin (422-9143). Meet in Wray at 5:00 AM. After we have seen the Prairie Chickens we will spend rest of the day at Bonnie Reservoir. Please call leader for details.

✓ 13, Saturday. Local Trip Option. Boulder Club invites us for their trip to Lakes East of Boulder. Leader: Louise Herring (442-7059).*

~~14~~, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 6:30 AM at Denver

APRIL 14, (cont.)

Museum of Natural History, north lot.*

- ✓ 20. Saturday. Muir Springs, Bijou, Empire, Jackson & Latham Reservoirs. Leader: Jerry Cairo. Carpool at 6:30 AM at Museum north lot or carpool at 7:15 AM at the Pepperpodin Hudson and meet leader at 8:00 AM at Muir Springs. Joint trip with Evergreen Naturalists.*
- ✓ 21. Sunday. Bear Creek, Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan and Hampden, southwest of May D&F.*
- ✓ 27. Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank & Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:30 at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden, southwest of May D&F.*
- ✓ 28. Sunday. Pawnee Grasslands, Reservoirs Enroute. Migrating Waterbirds. Leader: Dick Pratt (795-8497). Meet at 7:00 AM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*

*Bring Lunch

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WHEN: June 3-5, 1985 (prior to joint Cooper-Wilson Ornithological Society Meetings in Boulder, CO).
WHERE: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado (Adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park).
WHO: Members of the WBBA and anyone interested in bird banding, and their guests, spouses and/or family.
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NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

May 7, 1985

"FINDING AND PHOTOGRAPHING ALASKAN WILDLIFE"

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MARCH 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

MARCH 2, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Linda and David Blue, Vi and Henry Bossman, Virginia and Tom Faxon, Warren Finch, Ives and Evan Hannay, Kathy Hawkins, Phil Hayes, Glenn Izett, Hazel Kellogg, Wade Leitner, John Leonard, Thompson Marsh, Bill Maynard, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Jo and Don Shrode, Norma and Joe Shwed, Ruth Wheeler, Rob Wilson. (High overcast becoming partly cloudy late afternoon; wind, SW, 5-15 MPH, occasional gusts to 25 MPH; 36°-54°). 49 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 10 hours. (50 species, 4093 individuals).

- MARCH 3, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observer: Ann Southcott. (Heavy snow except for last ½ hour; 24°). 2 miles by car. 3½ hours. (10 species, 179 individuals).
- 7, Thursday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, SE, 10-25 MPH; 35°-50°). 26 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8½ hours. (58 species, 7433 individuals).
- 9, Saturday. Boulder area: Chataqua Park, Baseline Reservoir, Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, north to Haystack Mountain (BOULDER). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Janet Clithers, Patty Echelmeyer, Virginia Edens, Hilda Eichenberger, Kathy Hawkins, Jack Humphries, Don and Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Ken LaBorde, Martha Marshall, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Bob Spencer, Andy Stone, Skip and Marjie Sivities, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast in A.M., clearing in P.M.; wind, calm; 32°-55°). 30 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (62 species, 6024 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park and Rocky Mountain Arsenal (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Bill Brockner, Marta Deutman, Patty Echelmeyer, Kathy Falkenberg, Warren Finch, Dick Guadagno, Ruth Hopfenbeck, Randy See, E.J. Warren. (Partly cloudy; wind, calm; 35°-60°). 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (43 species, 1775 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Barr Lake S.P.; Hudson; Weld Co. Rds. 81 and 4; Morgan Co. Rds. B and 3; Empire Reservoir; South Platte River at Orchard; "Pelican Refuge", Jackson Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Virginia Edens, D.W. King, Jack Reddall, Hal Rupp, Joe and Norma Shwed, Ann Southcott, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy becoming mostly clear; wind, SE, 5-10 MPH; 38°-50°). 230 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 12 hours. (51 species, 9103 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Daniels Park, McClellan Reservoir, Highland Canal (DMH). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: David Colvin, Larry Colvin, Laura Colvin, Ralph Ehret, Don and Martha Galletti Tokuko Hagiwara, Alan and Dee Hay, Estes and Billie House, Genny Kruzel, John Leonard, Rex McGehee, Allan Robinson, Ann Southcott, Mort Staatz, Vito Tursi, Rob Wilson. (Wind, calm; 35°-55°). 25 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. 5 hours. (36 species, 309 individuals).
- 20, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, North Sterling Reservoir, Sterling Cemetery, Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Bijou Reservoir, "Pelican Refuge", Prospect Reservoir (NECOL). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming partly cloudy to cloudy; wind, NE, 0-15 MPH; 32°-60°). 417 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 13½ hours. (65 species, 42076 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Bear Creek - Plains to Mountains (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Julie Hofmann, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Ed McConkey, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Rob Wilson. (Cloudy; windy; 35°-45°). 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (33 species, 228 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Chatfield State Park and South Platte Reservoir (CSP). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Wanda Dudek, Ruby Ebricht, Virginia Edens, Tom and Virginia Faxton, Don Gallette, Carla Gallette, Lisa Gallette, Bob and Helen Geick, Reza Makvendi, Betty and Harold Oliver, Dick Pratt, Ann Southcott, Rob Wilson. (Clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 41°-69°). 39 miles. 7 hours. (38 species, 631 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NDL). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Alan and Dee Hay, Floyd Pendell, Don and Jo Shrode, Norma and Joe Shwed, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast becoming clear; 3 inches of new snow; wind, calm; 22°-34°). 45 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6½ hours. (42 species, 1043 individuals).

MARCH 31, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Ron Carter, Terry Flageolle, Fred Hager, D.W. King, Don and Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed, Bob Spencer. (Sunny becoming cloudy; wind 0-15 MPH; 36°-44°). 3 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 5 hours. (37 species, 464 individuals).

31, Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Fowler, Ordway, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Rocky Ford SFA, Holbrook Reservoir, Cheraw, La Junta (cemetery), Las Animas, Blue Lake and return to Denver (SECO). Observers: Richard Bunn, Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Overcast to partly cloudy, scattered P.M. rain showers; wind, NW, 5-25 MPH; 32°-55°). 450 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 14½ hours. (77 species, 17,193 individuals).

MARCH	2	3	7	9	10	16	17	20	23	24	30	31	31
Ar	CCRA	RRP	CCRA	BOULDER	BARR	NECO	DMH	NECOL	BC	CSP	NDL	WGB	SECO
Hr. TAT	PLNS	FHL	PLNS	FH	PLNS	PLNS	P/F	PLAIN	PF	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLNS
Common Loon	1		1										
Pied-billed Grebe						1					1		
Horned Grebe	9		50	55		3	25	1		4	31	5	1
Eared Grebe										4-?			
Western Grebe			1	15		1					3		30
American White Pelican						1							13
Double-crested Cormorant								2					1
Great Blue Heron				3	4	40		5		4			4
Snow Goose													
"White" form						100		8812					76
"Blue" form								103					1
Ross' Goose								2im					
Canada Goose	130		90	135	55	4100	10	750	12	50	83	57	10
Wood Duck										2			
Green-winged Teal	30		80	12	30	8		50	3	40	18	4	250
Mallard	200		50	75	45	1500	9	4000	18	32	116	24	600
Northern Pintail	800		450	45	80	60	2	12000		20			750
Blue-winged Teal													2m1f
Cinnamon Teal				3	2m2f	3m3f		5m1f		1			35
Northern Shoveler			15	40	250	2		75		2	120		500
Gadwall	1ma		40	100	16	50	4	750	1	5	17	58	450
American Wigeon			5	40	3ma	1m1f		250	2	8	41	18	35
Canvasback			2m2f	180	4ma			2m4f			3		5ma
Redhead	25		500	3650	500	250	10	4500		277	56		25
Ring-necked Duck	3ma		13	145	4ma			3m1f		12	8	1	1ma
L. or Scaup	30		750	750	200	35	1	2500	2	4	55	29	250
Common Goldeneye	150		125	45	8	8	10	200			5	2	
Barrow's Goldeneye			1m1f										
Bufflehead	1ma		1m1f	1		3ma	6	6			4	2	1m2f
Hooded Merganser	1fe				2	1ma		1m1f			7fe		
Common Merganser	1000		1000	75	150	250	40	2000		4	47	28	4
Red-breasted Merganser	7m3f		7m5f	8				11ma					7
Ruddy Duck								4					5
B. Eagle		1ad		7im	1a2i	1a2i		11a1i			1im		
N. h. Harrier	1fe				2	1m3f		3ma					7fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk													
Cooper's Hawk			1ad										
Red-tailed Hawk										4#			
"Western" races	1		2a1i	7	3	5	2	6	1				25
"Harlan's" race	1					1			1				2
Ferruginous Hawk	1ad		2ad	9	1	2ad		1ad					
Rough-legged Hawk	3		1	5	2	25		11					5
Golden Eagle				1		1ad							1ad

MARCH AREA HABITAT	2 CCRA PLNS	3 RRP FHL	7 CCRA PLNS	9 BOULDER FH PLNS	10 BARR PLNS	16 NECO PLNS	17 DMH P/F	20 NECOL PLAIN	23 BC PF	24 CSP PLN	30 NDL PLN	31 WGB PLN	31 SECO PLNS
American Kestrel	2		1	4	1	10		11	3	2	4	1	65
Prairie Falcon				2	1	2							
Ring-necked Pheasant	3m4f		1ma		1-H	1		5m2f					7
Scaled Quail													1
Virginia Rail	7		4-H										
American Coot	1			45				10		3	48	14	175
Sandhill Crane								39					
Killdeer			6	2	3	9	3	25	2	2	8	2	30
Baird's Sandpiper								2					
Long-billed Dowitcher											1		
Common Snipe	6		1										
Franklin's Gull													7
Ring-billed Gull	1200		3500	60	25	2000	6	2500	2	2	59	12	200
California Gull	1ad		1im					30			60		120
Herring Gull	50		100	7	6	50		150			3		15
Thayer's Gull	2im		1im										
Glaucous Gull	1a2i		2im	1im				1im					
Rock Dove	10	8	5	6	45	5	35	10	100	7	60	12	75
Mourning Dove													15
Eastern Screech-Owl												1	
Great Horned Owl	3a*		1a*		1			2ad	1	5\$		1	5ad
Belted Kingfisher			1	2				1ma	2	1	1		2
Lewis' Woodpecker													1
Downy Woodpecker				1						2	1	1	
"Batchelder's" race			1ma										
eastern races	1fe				7	1		3					1
Hairy Woodpecker													
"Rocky Mountain" race		2											
Northern Flicker		3								2			
"Red-shafted" race	10	2	11		4	3	5	3	16		5	10	6
Say's Phoebe													1
Horned Lark			3		30	50	20	40		3			20
Barn Swallow											2		3
Steller's Jay				20			10		1				
Blue Jay	2		2	1		1		2					3
Scrub Jay		1					6						
Black-billed Magpie	70	9	75	7	10	23	10	4	10	21	15	37	12
American	2		1	2	1		6	8		5	4	1	8
Common Raven				2			7		2				2
Black-capped Chickadee	5	1	15	5	18	6	8	4	6	20		4	6
Mountain Chickadee				25			4					2	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch				10									
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	5			1						
Pygmy Nuthatch				10									
Brown Creeper			2					1				1	
Marsh Wren	3		2										1
American Dipper									1	1		2	
Mountain Bluebird							18		3		9	13	53
Townsend's Solitaire		6		2			2	2	3				1
American Robin	30	30	10	7	5	50	4	8	45	10	1	3	150
Curve-billed Thrasher													2
Bohemian Waxwing	5		300	10					11				
Cedar Waxwing								5					
Northern Shrike	2ad		1ad										1im
Loggerhead Shrike								1					2

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European Starling	115		30	10 3H	120	100	125	43	500	55	50	42	52	4000
House-sided Towhee														1ma
American Tree Sparrow	20		20		1	12	1	1	1	10				
Song Sparrow	3		13		2	7	1	1	4	4	3	8		5
Lincoln's Sparrow														1
White-crowned Sparrow						1			2					100
Harris' Sparrow									1a1i					3im
Dark-eyed Junco							4							
"White-winged" race						1								
"Slate-colored" race	1			1					1	2	3			
"Oregon" race	2	1	3	4		8	5		2			2		10
"Gray-headed" race				25										
Red-winged Blackbird	50		80		30	20	200	2	1500	6	20	39	42	8000
Western Meadowlark	1		1		10	35	25	5	600	2	7	11	2	450
Yellow-headed Blackbird														5
Brewer's Blackbird						10ma			125					
Common Grackle												1	2	80
Brown-headed Cowbird														1ma
Rosy Finch		120												
Cassin's Finch				7										6
House Finch	30		15	10			10	2	35	3	1-H	23	7	30
Red Crossbill				50										
Pine Siskin			1	5			1	10	55	1		8		25
American Goldfinch	1								3	8				5
Evening Grosbeak				16					10					
House Sparrow	50		25	2	20	50	75	2	180	6		4	10	275
TOTAL SPECIES - 112	50	10	58	62		43	51	36	65	33	38	42	37	77

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ADDITIONAL MARCH 1985 REPORTS:

Common Loon all month (1, probably injured) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR)
 Red-crowned Night-Heron 3-5 (1 adult) So. Platte River, Denver (JR)
 Water White-fronted Goose 3-23 (5) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB)
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 3-10 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (TJ); 3-23 (3000) Nee Noshe Reservoir (DB); 3-28 (15) Wood's Lake, Weld Co. (JC); ("Blue" form) 3-23 (7) Nee Noshe Reservoir (DB).
 Wood Duck 3-1 (5) Pueblo River Greenway (JR); 3-28 (1 female), Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)
 Northern Pintail (albino) 3-3 (1 male) CF&T Lakes, Pueblo Co. (DBL, LB, WM). Details submitted Ed.
 Blue-winged Teal 3-28 (1 male, 1 female) 126th Ave. & Buckley Rd., Adams Co. (JR)
 Bald Eagle 3-17 (1 adult) Lathrop S.P., Huerfano Co. (CH, KH)
 Cooper's Hawk 3-10 (1 adult) Greeley (JC); 3-28 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
 Northern Goshawk 3-1 (1 adult) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (JR).
 Merlin 3-2 (1 female) Weld Co. Rds. 41 & 46 (JC); 3-25 (1 female) Weld Co. Rds. 43&48 (JC); 3-26 (1-"Richardson's" race) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DB)
 Lesser Prairie-Chicken 3-23 (6) east of Campo, Baca Co. (DB)
 Sandhill Crane 3-14 (400) & 3-15 (450) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (DR, JR); 3-16 (2000) Monte Vista NWR (DB); 3-23 (500) between Nee Noshe Reservoir and Lamar, Prowers Co. (DB); 3-24 (1) & 3-29 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL).
 Whooping Crane 3-14 (1 adult-band #A32) Monte Vista NWR (DR, JR); 3-15 (1 immature) Monte Vista (DR, JR); 3-16 (3 adults, 1 immature) Monte Vista NWR (DB)
 Greater Yellowlegs 3-28 (2) farm pond, Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 (JR)

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Lesser Yellowlegs 3-28 (2) farm pond, Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 (JR)
 Franklin's Gull 3-5 (1 breeding plumage) Stanley Lake, Jefferson Co. (DM)
 Mourning Dove 3-1 (1) Pueblo River Greenway (JR)
 Common Barn-Owl 3-23 (1) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca Co. (DB)
 Eastern Screech-Owl 3-2 (1) Confluence of Poudre & S. Platte Rivers, Weld Co. (JC)
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 3-8 (1, heard calling only-just at dusk) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (WL, JR)
 Short-eared Owl 3-10 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 37 & 52 (JC)
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 3-8 (3, heard calling only) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (WL, JR)
 Three-toed Woodpecker 3-10 through 3-31 (1 male, 1 female) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon, Boulder Co. (DN)
 Say's Phoebe 3-16 (2) Burnt Mill Rd. (CH, KH); 3-23 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DB)
 Bushtit 3-6 (20) Hogback east of Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (DN)
 Bewick's Wren 3-1 (3) Pueblo River Greenway (JR)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 3-10 (1 female) Buckhorn Rd., Larimer Co. (JC)
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3-1 (10) Pueblo River Greenway (JR)
 Bohemian Waxwing all month (flocks up to 1500) from Greeley to southeast Denver (m.ob.)
 Loggerhead Shrike 3-17 (1) Burnt Mill Rd. (CH, KH)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Myrtle" race) 3-1 (1) Pueblo River Greenway (JR)
 Brown Towhee 3-1 (4) Burnt Mill Rd. (JR)
 Harris' Sparrow 3-2 (2 winter adults, 1 immature) Muir Springs Park (JC); from 12-4-84 through 3-31-85 (1) at feeder, Boulder (HW)
 Common Redpoll 3-2 (4) Linn Grove Cemetery, Greeley (JC); 3-2 (2 males, 8 females) Keenesburg, Weld Co. (JC); 3-28 (1 female) at feeder, 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon (DN)

CONTRIBUTORS: David Blue (DBL), Linda Blue (LB), Dan Bridges (DB), Jerry Cairo (JC), Carol Hack (CH), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Tina Jones (TJ), Wade Leitner (WL), David Martin (DM), William Maynard (WM), Duane Nelson (DN), Dorothy Reddall (DR), Jack Reddall (JR), Helen Stiles Wainwright (HW).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1985

- MAY 4, Saturday. Barr Lake - Mile High Duck Club - all day olde time trip. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, North Lot at 6:30 AM. * Come celebrate 50 years of Birding as a club.
- 5, Sunday. Rigli Ranch, eastern plains. Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Susan Levy. Call Trip Arrangers for information. Carpool at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM, also at Hudson, Co. Pepperpod Rest. at 7:45 AM. *
- 11-12, Saturday-Sunday. SPRING COUNT.
- 18, Saturday. Roxborough Park. Leader: Ben Moore (696-1799). Carpool at 7:00 AM at Safeway Lot (US 285 & So. Logan), and meet leader at 7:30 AM at Rampart & Roxborough Rds. *

MAY 19, Sunday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at 7:00 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, W. 38th Ave. & Wadsworth. Cars left behind should be parked on Vance St. Meet leader at 7:45 AM at east side of International Pancake House, HWY 93 and Baseline Rd. in Boulder.*

25, 26, 27, Sat thru Mon. Baca County and southeastern Colorado. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665). Meet in Ordway, CO at 9:00 AM at Diamond Shamrock Station (CO 71 & 96). Overnights at American Motel in Springfield (Camping nearby available). Call Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) for carpooling, reservations, etc. Bring lunch & snack food. We expect to see Mississippi Kite, Black-necked Stilt, Lesser Prairie-Chicken, and possibly Scissor-tailed Flycatcher as well as a dozen species not usually seen near Denver.

25, Saturday. Local Trip Option. Daniels Park, Highline Ditch, McClellan Reservoir. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 AM at Howard-Johnsons, east of I-25 on Hampden.*

JUNE 1, Saturday. Apex Trail - a bird hike. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Call for details, or see June schedule.*

*Bring Lunch

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

Trip Arrangers

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:

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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.

3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.

4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc.).

5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.

6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

Compiling monthly data of Field Trips is an important but difficult and time-consuming task. Field Trip Leaders can assist greatly by adhering to the above instructions.

SPRING COUNTS

Hugh Kingery, Coordinator. Send reports to Kathy Hawkins
6860 E. Mississippi, #D
Denver, CO 80224

May 11 - Saturday Barr Lake, Dick Schottler, 985-0579. Meet at 6:00 AM at Barr Lake S.P. entrance station. This trip involves an all day 10-mile walk around Barr Lake.*

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- May 11 - Saturday Barr Periphery, Walt Bull, 751-1032. Meet at 6:30 AM at Bromley Lane and Picadilly Road.*
- Bear Creek and Marston Lake, Mary Jane Schock, 922-3144. Meet at 6:30 AM at the southwest section of Bear Valley Shopping Center, US 285 & S. Sheridan Blvd.
- Chatfield, Frank & Jan Justice, 936-4547. Call Leaders.
- May 12 - Sunday Castlewood Canyon, Paul Rechel, 688-6255. Meet at 7:00 AM, Texaco station in Franktown.
- Cherry Creek Reservoir, Floyd Pendell, 758-5530. Meet at 6:30 AM, west entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park.
- Red Rocks Park, Allen Stokes, 744-7455. Meet at 6:30 AM, north side of LaBelle's parking lot, 6th Ave. & Kipling.
- Waterton, Hugh Kingery, 333-0161. Meet at 6:00 AM, Park & Ride, US 285 & S. Wadsworth (One block south of intersection).

NOTICES

1) PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1985-1986.

The following slate of officers and directors for the Denver Field Ornithologists has been proposed by the nominating committee to serve from September 1985 through August 1986. This slate will be presented at the regular monthly meeting on May 7, 1985, and voted upon at that time.

PRESIDENT: Kathy Hawkins

VICE-PRESIDENT:

TREASURER: Robert Righter

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ruth Breckon

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Carol Hack

FIELD TRIP CHAIRPERSONS: Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler

EDITOR, LARK BUNTING: Kent Holcomb

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Virginia Edens, Joe Shwed (1986); Alan Hay, Dick Schottler (1987); Harold Oliver, Wade Leitner (1988).

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Hack

Jack Reddall

Nominating Committee

2) 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SPECIAL THANKS

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Colorado Bird Club/Denver Field Ornithologists on April 2, 1985 was a rousing success. We especially want to thank the following individuals for their valuable assistance in making the evening one that will be long remembered by all who attended:

To RUTH WHEELER - for her superb efforts in contacting charter and early members from the Denver area and helping to arrange for their participation as honored guests for the evening. Great job Ruth!

To HAROLD HOLT - for volunteering to record the festivities on film for us to reminisce about in the years ahead. Thankyou Harold!

To PATTY ECHELMEYER and DIANE MULLINEAUX - who devoted much of the evening setting up and serving the refreshments enjoyed by all. Thanks ladies!
To BETSY WEBB - of the museum staff, for her time and energy in presenting the well-received film produced by Dr. Bailey. Most entertaining Betsy!
To CHARLES CHASE - of the museum staff, for arranging and conducting a tour of the new "Colorado Bird Hall". We'll have to work on the lighting, Charlie!
To KATHY HAWKINS - a special vote of thanks for arranging for the corsages that were presented to our honored guests, for designing and making up the registration sheets, and for designing and making the "50th" name tags. Kathy, we couldn't have done it without you!
To all the people who generously provided all those delicious refreshments
And last but not least, to all of you who turned out to help honor our very special guests of the evening. Thankyou one and all!

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We wish to thank the following people for their kind contribution to the RARE BIRD ALERT:

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NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

September 1985

SPECIAL NOTICE

Reports of all May Field Trips (including Spring Count Summary) must be submitted to reach Jack Reddall no later than May 30th. To help, send your reports right after you lead a trip in May. Also, all "Additional Reports" must be received no later than June 1st. It is imperative that this schedule be met! Call in your information if necessary (771-5308).

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APRIL 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

APRIL 4, Thursday. Plains north and east of Denver: Baseline Reservoir & Sawhill/Walden Ponds (Boulder); Prince Lake #2; Union Reservoir; Barbour Ponds SFA; Prospect Reservoir; Mile High Duck Club (PLNE). Observers: Harold Holt, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy in AM, mostly cloudy in PM with sky obscured at times in blowing dust; wind, NW, 10-30 MPH with gusts to 60+; 360-550). 190 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 9 hours. (51 species, 3698 individuals).

- APRIL 6, Saturday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (WF). Leaders: Don & Jo Shrode. Observers: Paul Aberle, Ruth Breckon, Don Groves, Al & Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, D.W. King, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; wind 20 MPH; 360). 3 miles on foot. 5 hours. (42 species, 412 individuals).
- 7, Easter Sunday. No Field Trip Scheduled.
- 13, Saturday. Yuma County (Wray, sandhills northwest of Wray & Bonny Reservoir SRA) to Denver (YUMA). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Bruce Bosley, Ruth Breckon, Warren Finch, Terry Flageolle, Dick Guadagno, Evan and Ives Hannay, Kathy Hawkins, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Ken LaBorde, John Leonard, Rex McGehee, Richard O'Neal, Duane and Carol Nelson & Family, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Russ and Robin Seward, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, NW, 15-25 MPH; 450-650). 439 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12 hours. (73 species, 1854 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Dorothy Bailey, Ed McCokey, Paul and Bea Slingsby, Rob Wilson. (Clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 600-750). 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (62 species, 2227 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Empire Reservoir, Latham Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Dan Bridges, Mel and Vera Gabel, June Hyman, Hazel Dellogg, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear becoming cloudy with light rain, clearing; wind 0-10 MPH; 380-580). 68 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (72 species, 1707 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Bear Creek: plains to foothills (BCK). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Ron Carter, Evan and Ives Hannay, Allen Robinson, Karen Robinson, Hal Rupp, Tim Schowalter, Mort Staatz, Catherine Wykoff. (Cloudy; wind; 350-450). 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (42 species, 173 individuals).
- 22, Monday. Cherry Creek Reservoir Recreation Area (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast with moderate rain until noon becoming partly cloudy; wind, N, 0-10 MPH; 370-520). 71 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 11½ hours. (78 species, 1525 individuals).
- 23, Tuesday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Empire Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, NW, 20-25 MPH becoming SW, 0-10 MPH by noon; 370-630). 270 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12½ hours. (86 species, 4706 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Denise Boyd, Nancy Boyd, Bill Brockner, John and Joyce Cooper, Lori Chappell, Mike DeHarte, Wanda Dubek, Warren Finch, Bob and Helen Geick, Clara Hassing, Alan Hay, David Holub, Ed Holub, Hazel Dellogg, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Nickie Pliler, Bill Prather, Dick Pratt, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Martha Zoeteway. (Clear; wind 0-10 MPH; 440-710). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours. (80 species, 1103 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Boulder/Lafayette area: Boulder Creek (CU campus), Boulder Reservoir, Haystack Mountain, Union Reservoir (B/L). Observers: Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Clear; wind, calm; 450-600). 90 miles by car. ½ mile on foot. 9 hours. (91 species, 2545 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Ovid; Red Lion State Wildlife Area; Jumbo Reservoir; Tamarack Ranch; Sterling (cemetery); Prewitt Reservoir, return to Denver (NECO). Observers: Pat Leitner, Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, NW, 0-15 MPH; 300-650). 425 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 14 hours. (95 species, 5341 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Latham Reservoir to Pawnee National Grassland (L/P). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Nevin Corl, Al and Dee Hay, Shawn Hayes, Freda Krolik, Genny Kruzel, Joe and Norma Shwed, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind calm; 500-600). (78 species, 2060 individuals).

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Common Loon								1			1	
Pied-billed Grebe			1	3	3		5	4	1	2	2	1
Horned Grebe	5	15		3	6	1		10	4	2		
Eared Grebe					4		5	7	17	1	15	
Western Grebe	15		15	15	42	1	60	225	123	120	300	10
American White Pelican			40	70	65			121		3	90	73
Double-crested Cormorant		16	2	30	40	1	3	65	56		30	11
American Bittern												1
Great Blue Heron	3		2	40	6	1	15	50	110	41	25	8
Great Egret										1		
Snowy Egret							1	1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron					3	1	4ad			3	2ad	1
White-faced Ibis					1		1	2			2	4
Snow Goose												
"White" form								2im				
Canada Goose	40	7	46	12	4	15	40	20	30	35	70	9
Wood Duck							1ma	1m1f	3			4
Green-winged Teal	50		21	40	35		40	105	13	44	50	18
Mallard	60	9	36	60	75	20	60	175	46	110	180	17
Northern Pintail	20		9	100	15			70		13	75	9
Blue-winged Teal	1m1f		2	12	15	2	30	60	22	60	40	46
Cinnamon Teal	1m1f			20	8		3m3f	20	2	34	1m1f	22
Northern Shoveler	25	8	5	350	110		125	600	18	146	350	90
Gadwall	250	13	9	250	30		55	375	7	68	60	2
Eurasian Wigeon				1ma								
American Wigeon	75	8	14	75	75	2	45	135	6	55	25	4
Canvasback	5		1	2	8			1fe				
Redhead	175	6		6	8		2m1f			18	4	1
Ring-necked Duck	125	1	8	2			2m2f	2m2f		1	15	
Lesser Scaup	35	16	8	50	75		40	275	12	54	6	1
Common Goldeneye		4										
Bufflehead				12	22		1m3f	50		10	2fe	
Hooded Merganser							2fe	1fe				
Common Merganser		10	5	7			1m1f	2m4f	3		1ma	
Red-breasted Merganser		2					1m3f	1m4f				
Ruddy Duck			3	12	16		7	85		5	200	
Turkey Vulture			2		6				2			1
Osprey			1			1	3	1	1	1	1	
Northern Harrier	1m1f		5		7		2m2f	2f	1	3	1fe	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				1ad				1ad	
Cooper's Hawk									2			
Broad-winged Hawk											1ad	
Swainson's Hawk			5	1	6	1	1	10	1	7	50	6
Red-tailed Hawk				1	1				2	5		1
"Western" races	2		5			1					1ad	
Ferruginous Hawk									1		1ad	
Rough-legged Hawk	2	1	1	1			1	1				1
Golden Eagle								1ad	1	1ad		
American Kestrel	15	4	17	7	13	6	5	6	2	23	15	18
Peregrine Falcon							1ad	1ad				1ad
"Falco" sp.					1							
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	1	16	5	8		12	4ma	1	1-H	4m1f	4
Greater Prairie-Chicken			15									
Wild Turkey			1									
Virginia Rail							2					
Sora					2		3					

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American Coot	100	5	26	45	70		25	115	75	300	500	5
Sandhill Crane		1			1							
Semipalmated Plover								3		6	5	
Piping Plover											2	
Killdeer	15	2	10	13	10	5	7	25	2	20	35	28
American Avocet	5			37	4			21		111	15	40
Greater Yellowlegs	11	1	1	11						10	1	1
Lesser Yellowlegs				3	2		3	10		81	139	36
Solitary Sandpiper									1	2	1	1
Willet					1		1	6		2	23	3
Spotted Sandpiper									1			
Long-billed Curlew			4							1	2	
Marbled Godwit							1	18	22	36	6	
Semipalmated Sandpiper											1	1
Western Sandpiper										1	1	
Least Sandpiper				2			1	5		18	17	41
White-rumped Sandpiper										1		
Baird's Sandpiper				16				9		8	12	
"Calidris" sp.			7									
Long-billed Dowitcher	1			2			2	2		24	2	
Common Snipe					2	2	6			3		4
Wilson's Phalarope							1ge	1m56		19	30	16
Franklin's Gull	15			3	3		7	2	42		4	
Bonaparte's Gull			1ad		1		3a2i	9			10	
Ring-billed Gull	75	77	2	110	250	1	25	175	22	18	25	6
California Gull	4	4			3		40	7	4	1	4	4
Herring Gull	3a2i						1im					
Thayer's Gull		1					1im					
Forster's Tern									1	20	1	2
Black Tern									1			
Rock Dove	15	3	10	14	16	3	5	40	1	60	13	30
Mourning Dove		1	17	20	10	6	12	30	6	26	45	77
Great Horned Owl	2ad		5	3		3	1a1i	1ad	4	1	2a4i	
Burrowing Owl				5	5			1	4	3	2	9
Long-eared Owl												1
White-throated Swift						2						
Belted Kingfisher			2		2	2	1ma	2	2	1	5	1
Lewis' Woodpecker	1									2		
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1ma									
Downy Woodpecker		3	2	3		1			1			2
eastern races	1m16										1	
Hairy Woodpecker			1		1					1		
eastern races								1			1ma	
Northern Flicker									5			1
"Yellow-shafted" race			10									
"Red-shafted" race	4	15	3	6	7	10	9	4		3	10	
Western Wood-Pewee									1			
Say's Phoebe									1	2	6	4
Horned Lark	25		500	25	3	2	1	25	3		25	136
Tree Swallow				1	50				12		3	
Violet-green Swallow						2			10	2		
No. Rough-winged Swallow			5				10		5		6	
Bank Swallow					6		3			2		2
Cliff Swallow									4			
Barn Swallow	1		1	1	41		85	35	6	38	90	41
Steller's Jay						2						

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Blue Jay	1	1H	7	1	6	2		5		2	10	2
Black-billed Magpie	40	45	6	25	10	6	65	25	35	56	20	3
American Crow	3	3	1						4	2	2	3
Chihuahuan Raven			1									
Common Raven						1						
Black-capped Chickadee	2		3	5	8	6	7	4	5	10	3	
Mountain Chickadee		2										
Red-breasted Nuthatch		6								1	1	
Brown Creeper								1				
Rock Wren												10
House Wren					1			1	4		4	
Marsh Wren								2				
American Dipper						1			2	1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1				1		1	2		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									2			
Eastern Bluebird			16e									
Mountain Bluebird									1			
Townsend's Solitaire		1	3					1	2	1		
Swainson's Thrush										2		
Hermit Thrush										1		
American Robin	25	30	38	10	24	11	30	30	21	56	60	9
Sage Thrush					1							
Brown Thrasher								1			1	
Water Pipit									1			
Bohemian Waxwing	2000											
Cedar Waxwing			5									
Loggerhead Shrike			3					2	3		4	4
European Starling	150	34	29	100	50	10	85	75	40	110	100	130
Orange-crowned Warbler							1			4		
Northern Parula									1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Myrtle" race						3	1ma	5ma	40	2	25	2
"Audubon's" race						3			15	1	1ma	1
Green-tailed Towhee								1				
Rufous-sided Towhee					1		1ma		4		2ma	
Chipping Sparrow						1					10	2
Vesper Sparrow									68	30	15	22
Lark Sparrow									8			
Black-throated Sparrow (PLN)							1					
Lark Bunting												26
Savannah Sparrow											4	6
Song Sparrow	3	1	3	2	1-H	5	6		6		1	1
Lincoln's Sparrow					1			1	2	2	1	1
White-crowned Sparrow			3	2	18	2	30	85	20	6	30	6
Harris' Sparrow			5		1							
Dark-eyed Junco												
"Slate-colored" race	1	2	1									
"Oregon" race	2		4	7								
"Gray-headed" race		1								1		
McCown's Longspur												7
Chestnut-collared Longspur			12									1
Red-winged Blackbird	70	5	110	400	125	12	250	500	29	100	150	168
Western Meadowlark	125	2	420	50	30	2	130	200	38	60	425	36
Yellow-headed Blackbird			10	8	60		5	40	1	25	1000	423
Brewer's Blackbird					1		2ma	1ma	8	22		100
Common Grackle	3	18	200	25	75	6	15	375	12	180	600	120

APRIL	.4	.6	.13	.14	.20	.21	.22	.23	.27	.27	.27	.28
AREA	PLNE	WF	YUMA	BARR	NECO	BCK	CCRA	NECO	CSP	B/L	NECO	L/P
HABITAT	PLNS	PL	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	P/F	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLN
Brown-headed Cowbird			6		4		2ma	15			25	4
Cassin's Finch										15		
House Finch	30	15	15	2	2	3	15	10		20	30	2
Red Crossbill										15		
Pine Siskin			20		20			70	2	10	35	
American Goldfinch			9	8				1	5	8	10	
Evening Grosbeak										40		
House Sparrow	50	12	35	75	70	5	30	200		60	100	112
TOTAL SPECIES - 163	51.42.		73.	62.	72.	42.	78.	86.	80.	91.	95.	78.

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; female=fe, f; adult=ad, a; immature=im, i; heard only=H; plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; foothills=F.

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1985 REPORTS:

Common Loon - All month (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. - injured left wing; survived the winter at the reservoir (JR); 4-7 (1, breeding plumage), Chatfield S.P., Jefferson Co. (WF); 4-20 (1) McClellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JB).

Snowy Egret - 4-13 (1) small reservoir on 119th St., 2 miles NE of Lafayette, Boulder Co. (LH, DW, JW); 4-27 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH).

Little Blue Heron - 4-18 (1 adult) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC) - details provided (ED.).

Cattle Egret - 4-10 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 4-16 (55) City Park Duck Pond, Denver (KH).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 4-16 (1 adult) City Park Duck Pond, Denver (KH).

Snow Goose - 4-2 (1 adult) Latham Reservoir (JC).

Wood Duck - 4-27 (1 male, 1 female) Lyon's Park, Laporte, Larimer Co. (JC).

EURASIAN WIGEON - 4-18 (1 male) Behren's Reservoir, LaSalle, Weld Co. (JC); 4-19 (1 male) Behren's Reservoir (DB) - details provided (ED.).

Osprey - 4-14 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (LH, DW, JW); 4-20 (1) Panama Reservoir, Boulder Co. (LH, DW, JW); 4-27 (1) Northern Colorado Nature Preserve, Larimer Co. (JC).

Cooper's Hawk - 4-20 (1) Mt. Falcon Park, Jefferson Co. (JB).

Northern Goshawk - 4-25 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Broad-winged Hawk - 4-20 (1 adult) Hidden Valley subdivision, 5 miles SE of Parker, Douglas Co. (TD) - details provided (ED.).

Golden Eagle - 4-14 (1 female on nest) east of Castle Rock, Douglas Co. (HBO); 4-14 (1 female on nest) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (HBO).

Merlin - 4-1 (1 female) Weld Co. Rds. 13&60 (JC).

Peregrine Falcon - 4-4 (1 adult) near Golden (DW); 4-22 through 4-26 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 4-27 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir, (JC).

Blue Grouse - 4-20 (1 strutting male, 2 females) Mt. Falcon Park (JB).

Sharp-tailed Grouse - 4-28 (4 seen, 6 others heard only) along Greenland Road, 4 miles east of I-25, Douglas Co. (WF).

Semipalmated Plover - 4-22 (1) Black Hollow Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC); 4-27 (4) Latham Reservoir (JC); 4-28 (2) near Lafayette (PE).

Lesser Yellowlegs - 4-4 (3) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (CH, KH).

Pectoral Sandpiper - 4-25 (6) Weld Co. Rds. 42&45 (JC).

Dunlin - 4-5 (1, winter plumage) Latham Reservoir (JC) - details provided (ED.).

Bonaparte's Gull - 4-5 (1 adult, 1 immature) Windsor Lake, Weld Co. (JC); 4-7 (1 immature) & 4-13 (1 adult) Weld Co. Rd 32, two miles E of I-25 (DW, JW).

Thayer's Gull - 4-13 (1 immature) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (LH, DW, JW).

Forster's Tern - 4-21 (2) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (JB).

Eastern Screech-Owl - 4-14 (1 adult, gray phase) Foster Grove Campground, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (KH, DK, DR, JR) - bird was perched in Elm about 15 feet above ground in plain view; numerous photos obtained; gave typical "whinny" call.

- Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 4-18 (1 male) Golden (RJF); 4-25 (3) Golden (PE).
 Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4-14 (1 male, 1 female) Foster Grove Campground, Bonny Reservoir (KH, DR, JR).
 Williamson's Sapsucker - 4-20 (1 male, 1 female) Mt. Falcon Park (JB).
 Cassin's Kingbird - 4-28 (2) along Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (DB).
 Rock Wren - 4-13 (1) plowed field, Weld Co. Rd. 22, two miles E of highway 85 (LH, DW, JW).
 Marsh Wren - 4-6 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WF); 4-21 (1) Barr Lake State Park (JB).
 Eastern Bluebird - 4-14 (1 male, 1 female) South Republican SWA (Hale Ponds) Yuma Co. (KH, JR).
 Water Pipit - 4-2 (1) Latham Reservoir (JR).
 Yellow-throated Vireo - 4-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (JJ) - details provided (ED.).
 Tennessee Warbler - no date provided (1 male, 1 female) Varsity Pond, C.U. Campus, Boulder (DW).
 Nashville Warbler - no date provided (1 male) Varsity Pond, C.U. Campus, Boulder (DW).
 Northern Pauria - 4-20 through 4-23 (1 female) along Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus, Boulder (m.ob.).
 Black-and-White Warbler - 4-20 & 4-21 (1 male) along Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus, Boulder (m.ob.).
KENTUCKY WARBLER - 4-19 through 4-23 (1) Boulder Creek, C.U. Campus, Boulder (LH, DW, plus m.ob.)
 Vesper Sparrow - 4-4 (1) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (CH, KH); 4-14 (2) South Republican SWA (KH, JR).
 Swamp Sparrow - 4-14 (1 adult) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (JW).
 McCown's Longspur - 4-2 (1500+) Weld Co. Rds. 68&97 (JC).
 Great-tailed Grackle - 4-4 (3 males, 7 females) Home Lake, Monte Vista (CH, KH).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE JUNE 1985

- JUNE 1, Saturday. Apex Trail. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). This is a strenuous uphill hike for birds and flowers. Bring canteen of water. Meet at 6:30 AM at the Apex openspace lot, north of Heritage Square entrance on CO 93 just north of jct. with HWY 40. ½ day, lunch optional.
- 2, Sunday. Pawnee Grasslands. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:30 AM at the north lot (IMAX), Denver Museum of Natural History.*
- 5, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Recreational Area. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:00 AM at the west Gate.*
- 8, Saturday. Colorado Springs, Fountain. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 6:30 AM at Howard Johnsons, east of I-25 on Hampden.*
- 9, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:00 AM at the north lot (IMAX), Denver Museum of Natural History.*
- 12, Wednesday. Manville Headquarters, (Eagle Nest), Deer Creek. Leader: Bobby Ausphal (798-0552). Chatfield Arboretum included. Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center SW of May D&F, Sheridan and Hampden.*
- 15-16, Saturday-Sunday. North Park-Walden. Leader to be announced. For carpool and details call Ruth Wheller. (455-3924). Meet at Noon on Saturday at North Park Motel (1-723-4271). Meet at Frazier (grocery store on west side of US 40) at 9:30 AM Saturday to bird on way to Walden.*
- 19, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 6:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan and Hampden.*

- JUNE 22 Saturday. Riverside and Empire Reservoirs. Nesting Pelicans. Leader: Dr. Ron Ryder (1-482-8089). Meet at 7:15 AM at Masters, Co. on US 34 east of Greeley. Leave 6:00 AM from Denver Museum, north lot (IMAX).*
- ✓ 23, Sunday. Sedalia, West Plum Cr., Castlewood. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet leader at Sedalia at 7:30 AM. Carpool at Safeway Store, S. Logan and US 285.*
- ✓ 26, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Warner Reeser (1-596-3010). Meet leader at 9:00 AM in front of RMNP Visitor Center. Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church at 7:00 AM, W. 38th & Wadsworth, south of church.*
- ✓ 29, Saturday. Bear Creek - Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, SW of May D&F, Sheridan & Hampden.*
- ✓ 29-30, Saturday-Sunday. San Luis Valley - Sand Dunes National Monument. Leader to be announced. Call Bob Spencer (279-4682) for details. Camping will be at Sand Dunes.

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NOTICES

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Annual meeting will be held June 1 & 2, at Sterling Junior College, Sterling, CO, Saturday and Sunday. AM field trips to Red Lion WLA and Pawnee Grasslands. Call Charles Chase or Betsy Webb at 370-6353 (days) for details.

COOPER-WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES - to meet jointly at Boulder CU campus June 6-9. CFO members are urged to attend. Call Betsy Webb for information (370-6353, days M-F).

MONTEREY PELAGIC TRIP - Oct 10-13. There are a few spaces left. \$150 excluding air fare. Call Bob Righter (692-8529) for more information.

RARE BIRD ALERT - 759-1060



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September 1985

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Next month's Lark Bunting will be an abbreviated edition. The Field Trip Summaries and Additional Reports for June will not be published until the July edition is printed.

1985/1986 SLATE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS APPROVED

The following slate of Officers and Directors to serve from September 1, 1985 through August 31, 1986 was approved at the regular monthly meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists on May 7, 1985:

PRESIDENT: Kathy Hawkins
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MAY 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAY 3&4, Friday and Saturday. North Park Area: Walden & Arapaho NWR (W/A). Observers: Ruth Breckon, Nicki Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode. (Light rain in AM; wind 5 MPH; 40-65°). 70 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 9 hours. (62 species, 3130 individuals).
- 4, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park, Mile High Duck Club (ABM). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Lori Chappell, Patty Echelmeyer, Charles Griffith, Al and Dee Hay, Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Harold and Betty Oliver, Bill and Inez Prather, Tim Schowalter, Mary Jane Schock, Steve Snyder, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; wind, light; 50-80°). 65 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours. (68 species, 887 individuals).
- 5, Sunday. Rigli Ranch in Morgan County (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Bill Brockner, Dave and Carolyn Griffiths, D.W. King, Dan and Mary Laszlo, Hal Rupp, Ann Southcott, Don Taylor, Ruth Wheeler, Bob Wilson. (Clear, becoming cloudy in PM; wind SW, 0-10 MPH; 45-75°). 26 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8½ hours. (41 species, 357 individuals).

SPRING COUNT 1985 (Kathy Hawkins, Compiler):

- 11, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Dorothy Bailey, Warren Finch, John Leonard, Bob Spencer. (Cloudy with showers; wind 0-30 MPH; 50-65°). 10 hours. 10 miles. (75 species, 1299 individuals).
Barr Perifery (BLP). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Ruth Bull, Bob Righter. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind 5-35 MPH; 42-55°). 8.75 hours. 76 miles. (72 species, 1252 individuals).
Bear Creek and Marston Lake (BCM). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Margo Breen, Bill Brockner, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Jean Maguire, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to sunny; wind 0-40 MPH; 57-62°). 11 hours. 28½ miles. (67 species, 1734 individuals).
Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: John Bregar, Kathy Hirst, Ed Holub, Tim Schowalter, Joe and Norma Shwed, Martha Zoeteway. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind 0-40 MPH; 51-68°). 9 hours. 42 miles. (67 species, 2237 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon State Park (CWC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observer: Bobbie Ausfahl. (Cloudy, rain; wind 0-40 MPH; 40-60°). 7 hours. 10 miles. (41 species, 315 individuals).
Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, D.W. King, Don and Jo Shrode. (Cloudy, rain; wind 8 MPH; 46-57°). 8 hours. 16 miles. (57 species, 1128 individuals).
Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Allen Stokes. Observers: Louise Hechter, Beatrice and Paul Merry, Tim Schowalter, Rob Wilson. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; light breeze; 50-70°). 5 hours. 3 miles. (40 species, 184 individuals).
Waterton (WTN). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Ron Carter, David Dominick, Jay Doyle, Virginia Edens, Ben Moore, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy). 8 hours. (81 species, 1317 individuals).

SPRING COUNT TWO DAY TOTALS: 145 SPECIES, 9466 INDIVIDUALS

- 17, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area, Fleming to Fort Morgan (NEC). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind, NE, 5-15 MPH; 48-70°). 157 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 13½ hours. (108 species, 4423 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Roxborough Park. Leader: Ben Moore. No report received.
- 18, Saturday. Pueblo and Colorado Springs Area: Baculite Mesa, Colorado Springs SWA, Big Johnson Reservoir, Myron Stratton, Garden-of-the-Gods, Manitou Lake, Lake George, Antero Reservoir, Temple Canyon, CF&I Lakes, Lake Minnequa, Pueblo Nature Center (P/CS). Observers: David Blue, Richard Bunn. (Clear becoming cloudy, thunderstorms; wind, variable; 50-68°). 429 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 16 hours. (154 species, 5307 individuals).

MAY 19, Sunday. Boulder Area: Chatauqua Park and Gregory Canyon; Boulder Creek on CU campus and at 30th Street; Baseline Road at Cherryvale; Walden Ponds and pond at 63rd Street (BO). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: John Bregar, Jane and Walter Collins, Alan Hay, Patty Hodgins, Dan and Mary Laszlo, Steve Snyder, Marge Sweis, Don Taylor. (Partly cloudy to clear; wind, 0-10 MPH; 58-65°). 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours. (70 species, 535 individuals).

25, Saturday. Daniels Park and McClellan Reservoir (DM). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers:
Henry and Vi Bossman, Virginia Ham, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Drolak, Mary McGivern, Tim
Schowalter, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear becoming mostly cloudy). 30 miles by car, 3
miles on foot. 7½ hours. (44 species, 174 individuals).

25826, Sat. and Sun. Southeastern Colorado: Lake Meredith, Cheraw, Old Bent's Fort, Fort Lyon, Lamar City Park to Holly. Baca County: East of Campo, Dry Cimarron River, Cottonwood-Carrizo Canyon area (SECOL). Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Dorothy Bailey, Ruth Breckon, John Bregar, Alan and Dee Hay, Bob and Jeanne Jickling, Peggy and Marvin Locke (Lamar), Susan and Thompson Marsh, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Bob and Sandy Righter, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob and Shirley Spencer. (Clear and sunny; wind 0-10 MPH; 50-85°). Approx. 750 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 22 hours (114 species, 1235 individuals).

27, Monday. Mesa de Maya, Las Animas Co. (MM). Observers: John Bregar, Dan Bridges. (Clear; wind, 0-15 MPH; 50-75°). 8 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (42 species, 227 individuals).

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MAY AREA HABITAT	3-4 W/A MTN	4 ABM PLN	5 RIG PLN	11 BAR PLN	11 BLP PLN	11 BCM PLN	11 CSP PLN	12 CWC FHL	12 CCR PLN	12 RR FH	12 WTN PLN	101. PLN	17 NEC PLN	18 P/CS PLFH	19 BO PF	25 DM PL	25-26 SECOL PLAIN	27 MM PF
Northern Harrier	2	2	2		4		2		2			8	16e				1ma	
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1		1						
Cooper's Hawk								1				1					1	
Swainson's Hawk	5	8	3	5	5	4	2		1			17	5	15			15	1
Red-tailed Hawk			1								2	2		5				
"Western" races	3			1	1	2	1	1	1			7	2ad			1	2	
"Krider's" race																	2	
Ferruginous Hawk		1	2											1			1ad	
Golden Eagle	6										1	1		1				
American Kestrel	2	4		4	6	7	8	2	4		8	39	6	18	1	3	5	3
Peregrine Falcon		1																
Prairie Falcon								3			1	4		1				
Ring-necked Pheasant		7	4	3	3		7		8			21	10				5	
Sage Grouse	54																	
Lesser Prairie-Chicken																	4	
Wild Turkey																	1	
Northern Bobwhite													pr				2	
Scaled Quail														5			2	
Virginia Rail											1	1		4	1H		2	
Sora				1	1							2		1	1H		3-H	
American Coot	26	27		50	44	18	1		4		30	147	90	75	12		50	
Semipalmated Plover						1						1	12	3				
Killdeer	14	6	3	8	12	9	5	6	6		4	50	35	20	10		10	
Black-necked Stilt	1																	
American Avocet	12	29			19							19	10	7	7		4	
Lesser Yellowlegs					2							2	9					
Solitary Sandpiper												1	1					
Willet	24						1				1	1	3	1				
Spotted Sandpiper				6	6	7	1	1	1		1	23	16	11	2		2	
Upland Sanpiper													4					
Long-billed Curlew																	8	
Semipalmated Sandpiper													75					
Western Sandpiper													1					
Least Sandpiper													100					
White-rumped Sandpiper													3					
Baird's Sandpiper													1					
Pectoral Sandpiper													1					
Stilt Sandpiper													800					
Long-billed Dowitcher	3				10							10	5					
Common Snipe	1	3																
Wilson's Phalarope	15	37		1	129	1			2		6	139	900	50	7		6	
Red-necked Phalarope													26e					
Gull sp.															11			
Franklin's Gull					1							1	2		10		2	
Bonaparte's Gull														1				
Ring-billed Gull	6	21			4		29		36			69	2	15			3	
California Gull				32	1	7						40		1000			4	
Forster's Tern				1	6							7	1	1			1	
Black Tern																		
Rock Dove	12	15		16	12	27	17		2	10	6	91	75	35	6		7	
Band-tailed Pigeon									3				10	45			25	
Mourning Dove	6	20	6	38	28	61	3	20	23	4	12	189	150	55	2	7	100	20
Yellow-billed Cuckoo																	1	
Greater Roadrunner																	2	
Western Screech-Owl														2			1a1i	
Great Horned Owl			7	4	6	6	5		3			24	1ad.	3.			4	

MAY AREA HABITAT	3-4 W/A MTN	4 ABM PLN	5 RIG PLN	11 BAR PLN	11 BLP PLN	11 BCM PLN	11 CSP PLN	12 CWC FHL	12 CCR PLN	12 RR FH	12 WTN PLN	TOT.	17 NEC PLN	18 P/CS PLFH	19 BO PF	25 DM PL	25-26 SECOL PLAIN	27 MM PF
Burrowing Owl		7	2				1		1			2	2	1			4	
Common Nighthawk													1				5	1H
Common Poorwill														1				
Chimney Swift													2	5	8		12	
White-throated Swift										7	1	8		80	16			1
Black-chinned Hummingbird											1ma	1						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird							2	3			3	8		12	5	3		10
Hummingbird sp.																	2X	
Belted Kingfisher						1						1	2	1		2		
Lewis' Woodpecker														3			5	5
Red-headed Woodpecker				1	2							3	7				3	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2																	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker																	1	
Downy Woodpecker		3		4		2	1				8	15		2				
eastern races													1					
Hairy Woodpecker				1						1		2					2	4
eastern races													1					
Northern Flicker													5	11				
"Yellow-shafted" race																	2	
"Red-shafted" race	2	1		5		23	4	1	11	2	5	51			5	1	1	2
Olive-sided Flycatcher														1	1		1	
Western Wood-Pewee									1			1		1			1	8
Willow Flycatcher																	1	
Least Flycatcher													3				1	
Hammond's Flycatcher				1								1		1				
Gray Flycatcher														12				
Empidonax sp.														5		1		
Eastern Phoebe																	2a4iN	
Say's Phoebe						1					1	2		2			1	1
Ash-throated Flycatcher														1			2	3
Great Crested Flycatcher													1					
Cassin's Kingbird														1			1	2
Western Kingbird		6	40	19	21	1	1		1		1	44	130	70		6	150	5
Eastern Kingbird				6	2		5		1			14	25	5			12	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher																	3*	
Horned Lark	100	6	12	1	27	1	9				10	48	50	40		1	65	
Tree Swallow	2000	6		17		40	275			1	155	488		10	15			
Violet-green Swallow	50				1	558	175	12	10	12	440	1208		25	25	2		
N. Rough-winged Swallow	2	3		24	2	2	100	1			2	131	20	30	3		1	
Bank Swallow				2	2	28			21			53		5				
Cliff Swallow					2	44	400	12	65	25	25	573	150	450	2	9	75	
Barn Swallow	72	18	12	26	36	73	350	20	582	2	67	1156	75	175	10	5	15	5
Gray Jay	2																	
Steller's Jay								4				4		3	6	1		
Blue Jay							1					1	3	2	3		1	
Scrub Jay								6		3	3	12		11			2	10
Clark's Nutcracker														125				
Black-billed Magpie	15	28	4	19	38	61	40	4	16	10	5	193	6	55	12	5	10	
American Crow	70						7	1	1	2	7	18	2	25	6	4	6	5
Chihuahuan Raven														1			8	2
Common Raven	2						1			3	1	5		4	1		1	
Black-capped Chickadee	1	11		12		4	2	10	3	1	4	36	6	8	2	1		
Mountain Chickadee								1			1	2		3				1
Plain Titmouse														1				2
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	1								1		1				1
White-breasted Nuthatch		1						1				1		1		1		1H
Pygmy Nuthatch								2				2		25				
Rock Wren			2											5			2	8.

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Canyon Wren								2		2		4		1			1-H	2
Bewick's Wren																	10	1
House Wren		7		27	2	8	23	10	2		18	90	65	35		4	2	1
American Dipper											1	1		1				
Golden-crowned Kinglet														1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet														3	1			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher														1		2		3
Western Bluebird	2													7		13		
Mountain Bluebird	1							2				2		10		11		
Townsend's Solitaire									1	2		3		1				
Swainson's Thrush			2	3								3	5	12	1		3	
Hermit Thrush				2								2		7				
American Robin	4	16	2	29	4	62	16	3	18	10	10	152	25	75	16	2	5	4
Gray Catbird						1				1	1	3	1		3			
Northern Mockingbird													2	10			10	
Brown Thrasher		1											14	2			5	
Curve-billed Thrasher														1				
Cedar Waxwing					3							3	2				10	
Loggerhead Shrike			4										2	4			4	
European Starling	30	46	7	100	20	65	45	6	2	5	12	255	30	115	22	8	30	
Bell's Vireo													3					
Solitary Vireo			1						1			1		2	1			4
Warbling Vireo				2						1	1	4	2	3				
Red-eyed Vireo											1	1						
Tennessee Warbler																		
Orange-crowned Warbler			2											1				
Virginia's Warbler		1						2				2		8	8			25
Northern Parula														1				
Yellow Warbler		1	3	5	5	11	6			2	22	51	40	15	1	2	4	
Chestnut-sided Warbler													1ma					
Blk.-throtd. Blue Warbler				1ma					1			2						
Yellow-rumped Warbler						5						5		6				
"Myrtle" race			1				2					2						
"Audubon's" race		1	5	2	4	2	5			1	1	15	1ma					
Blk.-throtd. Gray Warbler														1				
American Redstart						1						1	pr	1				
Ovenbird													2				1-H	
Northern Waterthrush		1		1								1	1	1				
MacGillivray's Warbler			2	1								1			1			
Common Yellowthroat				4		2	1		3		1	11	25	15	1		5	
Wilson's Warbler									3			3						
Yellow-breasted Chat							4			2	9	15	16	3	2		1	
Hepatic Tanager**																		1M
Western Tanager					1	2					2	5		2	4	1		4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			2			1					1	2	1ma					
Black-headed Grosbeak								2		1		3		15	7	4		20
Blue Grosbeak				1ma								1		2			3	2
Lazuli Bunting				2ma			2	2			7	13		15		3	3	
Indigo Bunting										2	1	3		12			3m1	
Green-tailed Towhee		2	2	1								1		1	1			
Rufous-sided Towhee		2	5	1			8	6		12	26	53	2ma	15	15	6		15
Brown Towhee														3			5	
Cassin's Sparrow														10			55	
Chipping Sparrow		5	6	10	4	3						17	10	5	11	1		3
Clay-colored Sparrow			2		1							1	2	1	1			
Brewer's Sparrow		2	4															

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Vesper Sparrow	8	2	3			4	2	10	6		16	38		2		2		
Lark Sparrow		1	10		6		4					10	20	25		4	15	20
Black-throated Sparrow														4				
Lark Bunting		5	100		9				1		2	12	15	35			50	
Savannah Sparrow	2				2	2						4	2	3				
Grasshopper Sparrow													1				5	
Song Sparrow		1			1	13	4	1	1		3	23		4	1			
Lincoln's Sparrow		2		3		1	1					5		1				
White-crowned Sparrow		3	15	2		2						4		1				
Dark-eyed Junco														5				
"Gray-headed" race	1																	
Bobolink													1ma		5m			
Red-winged Blackbird	70	51	3	74	150	133	30	12	85		21	505	350	35	50	4	60	
Western Meadowlark	16	41	6	17	17	25	39	100	14	9	32	253	250	75	5	8	75	3
Yellow-headed Blackbird	40	79		61	160	3	1		7		20	252	16e	55	30		5	
Rusty Blackbird						2	6		8	3	4	23						
Brewer's Blackbird	23	87												20				
Great-tailed Grackle*																	10	
Common Grackle	23	28	12	57	9	41	5	4	17	1	9	143	125	120	14		20	
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	2	5	6	55	25	79	10	1	6	12	194	120	25	10	2	2	5
Orchard Oriole													17				6	
Northern Oriole														15				
"Baltimore" race																	1ma	
"Bullock's" race		1	1	29	3	17	8		8	11	2	78	25		2	5	5	1
Cassin's Finch	8									1		1		2				
House Finch						15		4		4	12	35		40	16	1	1	
Red Crossbill														15	1m			
Pine Siskin	6		1			54	6			10	36	106	1	30	35	4	4	
Lesser Goldfinch										1		1		2		7		6
American Goldfinch						3	7		7	5	12	34	20	10	2			
Evening Grosbeak						11				5	2	18		15	2			
House Sparrow		25	50	16	26	23		10		1	2	78	110	25	23		50	
TOTAL SPECIES - 222	62	68	41	75	72	67	67	41	57	40	81	145	108	154	70	44	114	42

ABBREVIATIONS: Male = ma, m; Female = fe, f; Adult = ad, a; Immature = im, i; Plains = PLAIN, PLN, PL, P; Foothills = FH, F; Mountains = MTN; Heard Only = H; Four Young Birds In Nest = N; Pair = pr; Includes 136 "Clark's" race = #; Includes One "Archilochus" Species And One "Lampornis" Or "Eugenes" Species = X.

ADDITIONAL MAY 1985 REPORTS:

Common Loon 5-4 (1, non-breeding plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (KH, JR); 5-7 (1, breeding plumage, 4, non-breeding plumage) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR); 5-12 (1, non-breeding plumage) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JC); 5-14&15 (1, breeding plumage, 1, non-breeding plumage) (JW).

Horned Grebe 5-1 (5) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (WL, JR).

Little Blue Heron 5-18 (1 adult) Fossil Creek Reservoir, Larimer Co. (BG).

Cattle Egret 5-8 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DB); 5-9 (1), 5-12 (1) & 5-20 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).

Green-backed Heron 5-1 (1) Pueblo River Greenway, Pueblo Co. (WL, JR).

Snow Goose 5-27 (1 adult-"white" form) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (AH, DR, JR).

Common Goldeneye 5-1 (1 female) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (WL, JR).

Osprey 5-14 (1) & 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir (JR).

Cooper's Hawk 5-4 (1 adult) along HWY 392 four miles east of Greeley, Weld Co. (JW); 5-22 (2 adults) along I-70 at mile post 139, Eagle Co. (JR).

- Broad-winged Hawk 5-4 (1) 10 miles south of Denver on I-25 (RB); 5-4 through 5-6 (1 immature) Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Larimer Co. (BG); 5-7 (1 adult) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (BR); 5-14 (1 adult, calling) Glenmere Park, Greeley (JC); 5-14&15 (1 immature) Bonny Reservoir (BR, et. al.).
- Golden Eagle 5-11 (1 adult - flew onto nest) Mesa de Maya, Las Animas Co. (DB).
- Peregrine Falcon 5-1 (1 adult) CF&I Lakes (WL, JR).
- Sharp-tailed Grouse 5-5 (1 female) along Greenland Rd., Douglas Co. (WL).
- Wild Turkey 5-12 (4) Bonny Reservoir (JC).
- Gambel's Quail 5-21 (1 male) Colorado National Monument, Mesa Co. (JR).
- KING RAIL 5-12 through 5-23 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC) - details submitted, Ed.; 5-29 (1) Latham Reservoir (JR).
- Black-bellied Plover 5-4 (1, breeding plumage) farm pond, Weld Co. Rds. 6&67 (KH, JR); 5-12 (2&3) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB); 5-14&15 (5) near Snyder, Morgan Co. (JW); 5-18 (11) Weld Co. Rds. 59&80 (JC).
- Mountain Plover 5-26 (1) Baca Co. (AH).
- Black-necked Stilt 5-1 (2) CF&I Lakes (WL, JR); 5-6 (2) Latham Reservoir (JC); 5-27 (3) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (AH).
- Upland Sandpiper 5-14 (2) near Crook, Logan Co. (JW).
- Whimbrel 5-12 (3) Sheridan Lake, Kiowa Co. (DB); 5-15 (3) Lindon, Washington Co. (BR).
- Long-billed Curlew 5-12 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 61&80 (JC).
- Sanderling 5-14&15 (1) Jumbo Reservoir (JW); 5-16 (3) Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (JR).
- Semipalmated Sandpiper 5-27 (2) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (AH).
- White-rumped Sandpiper 5-16 (2) Red Lion SWA (JR); 5-23 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC); 5-27 (70) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (BS).
- Baird's Sandpiper 5-27 (6) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (AH).
- Pectoral Sandpiper 5-23 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC); 5-27 (1) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (AH).
- Dunlin 5-5 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC); 5-6&12 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 61&80 (JC).
- Stilt Sandpiper 5-7 (25) Red Lion SWA (JR).
- Red-necked Phalarope 5-27 (?) CF&I Lakes (DBL, JCo).
- Herring Gull 5-11 (1 adult, 2 immatures) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (LH, JW).
- Common Tern 5-11 (1 adult, 1 first summer-?) Prince Reservoir #1, Boulder Co. (LH, DW, JW). Seldom reported in Spring, no details - Ed.
- Black Tern 5-11 (4) Jackson Reservoir (LH, JW).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir (JR).
- Common Barn-Owl 5-23 (?) Colorado Springs SWA, El Paso, Co. (DBL, JM); 5-27 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (BS, et.al.).
- Eastern Screech-Owl 5-15 (1 adult, gray phase) Foster Grove Campground, Bonny Reservoir (JR, VZ).
- Western Screech-Owl 5-11 (1) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (BR).
- Long-eared Owl 5-27 (3 juvenals) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (BJ).
- Common Nighthawk 5-14 (1) Bonny Reservoir (JR).
- Common Poorwill 5-4 (2) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (WL).
- Lewis' Woodpecker 5-6 (2) Chatfield S.P., Jefferson Co. (BR).
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 5-15 (1 male) Foster Grove Campground, Bonny Reservoir (JR).
- Three-toed Woodpecker 5-12 (1 male) Rocky Mtn. Nat. Park, Larimer Co. (JC).
- Least Flycatcher 5-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL); 5-17 (1) CU campus, Boulder (LH, DW).
- Western Flycatcher 5-14 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL).
- Great Crested Flycatcher 5-11 (2) Mesa de Maya (DB); 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir (JR).
- Cassin's Kingbird 5-10 (2) Weld Co. Rds. 46&49 (JC); 5-21 (1) 3/4 mile west of intersection of Mesa Co. Rds. 2&M.8 (JR).
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5-17 through 5-31 (1) near Sky Ranch Airport, Aurora (AS). Also seen 5-25 at same location (BS). Details submitted (AS).
- Purple Martin 5-21 (3 males) 1 1/2 miles north of intersection of Mesa Co. Rds. 2&M.8 (DR, JR).
- Bushtit 5-27 (3) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (BJ).
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-27 (2) Cottonwood Canyon (BJ).
- Eastern Bluebird 5-12 (1) Hale Ponds, South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (JC).
- Veery 5-5 (1) Empire Reservoir, Morgan Co. (LH, DW, JW); 5-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL); 5-14 (1) South Platte River at Dodd Bridge - ? (JW); 5-14 (1) Jumbo Reservoir (JW); 5-18 (2) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (JC).
- Gray-cheeked Thrush 5-15 (1) South Platte River, Crook, Logan Co. (JW). Details submitted.

Sage Thrasher 5-21 (1) Mesa Co. Rds. DD&16.5S (JR).
 Bell's Vireo 5-12 (1) Bonny Reservoir (JC).
 Red-eyed Vireo 5-30 (4) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR).
 Golden-winged Warbler 5-14&15 (1) Bonny Reservoir (BR, VZ).
 Tennessee Warbler 5-8 (1) Glenmere Park, Greeley (JC); 5-16 (2) Waterton, Jefferson Co. (BR).
 Northern Parula 5-7 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (BR); 5-16 (1) Waterton (BR); 5-21 (1) Colorado Springs SWA (RB).
 Magnolia Warbler 5-17 (1 male) Crow Valley Campground, Breggsdale (JC).
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 5-14 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL).
 Townsend's Warbler 5-14 (?) Colorado Springs SWA (DBL); 5-23 (1 female-banded) White Ranch (MM).
 Blackburnian Warbler 5-23 (1 male-banded) White Ranch (MM).
 Palm Warbler 5-4 (1) Glenmere Park, Greeley (JC); 5-14&15 (1) Bonny Reservoir (BR).
 Bay-breasted Warbler 5-22 (?) Colorado Springs SWA (DBL).
 Blackpoll Warbler 5-7 (1 male) Luther Park, Greeley (JC); 5-14 (1 male) South Platte River at Dodd Bridge - ? (JW); 5-14 (1 male) Jumbo Reservoir (JW).
 Worm-eating Warbler 5-7 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JR); 5-8 (1) South Platte River at Business Route 34, Greeley (JC); 5-19 (?) Colorado Springs SWA (DBL, LBL).
 Ovenbird 5-7 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JR); 5-14 (1) South Platte River at Dodd Bridge - ? (JW); 5-14 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JW); 5-14&15 (1) Bonny Reservoir (BR); 5-17 (1) Greeley (JC).
 KENTUCKY WARBLER 5-27 (1 male) Bear Creek Nature Center - ? (VA, RB, EW). No details - Ed.; 5-28 (?) Bear Creek Park, El Paso Co. (DBL, JWa, RWa). No details; same bird?, same locale? - Ed.
 Hooded Warbler 5-14&15 (1 male, 1 female) Bonny Reservoir (JR, BR, VZ).
 HEPATIC TANAGER 5-11 (1 male, 1 female) Mesa de Maya (DB). Verbal details provided.
 Summer Tanager 5-10 (1 moulting male) South Platte River at Business Route 34, Greeley (JC); 5-14&15 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir (BR, VZ).
 Lazuli Bunting 5-7 (1 male, 1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL).
 Indigo Bunting 5-8 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL).
 Sage Sparrow 5-21 (1) 1½ miles north of intersection of Mesa Co. Rds. 2&M.8 (JR).
 Bobolink 5-11 (3 males) Boulder (JC); 5-12 (1 male) Weld Co. Rds. 13&40 (JC); 5-15 (2 males) South Platte River, Crook (DW); 5-21 through 5-26 (up to 5 males) near Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (DW).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE JULY 1985

- ✓ 6, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, SW of May D&F, Hampden & Sheridan. Meet enroute at 7:45 AM at Highlander Inn, Conifer.*
- ✓ 7, Sunday. Golden Gate State Park. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet 7:30 AM at Berkley Senior Center, SW corner Berkley Park, East of Sheridan.*
- ✓ 10, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leaders: Helen Singer (756-2808) and Nancy Jones. Meet at 6:30 AM at West Gate. ½ day - lunch optional.
- ✓ 13, Saturday. South Park, Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass. Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Carpool 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center as above, and meet leader at 8:30 AM at Jefferson (in South Park).*
- ✓ 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot (IMAX).*

JULY 20, Saturday. Berthoud, Loveland area. Leader: Camille Cummings (1-532-2016). Carpool at 6:00 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth, south lot. Regroup at 7:00 AM at US287 and CO56 join, west of Berthoud.*

✓ 21, Sunday. Coal Creek Canyon. Leader: Duane Nelson (642-7109). Meet at 7:30 AM at Coal Creek Food Store (7 miles from Jct. of CO72 & CO93). Carpool on your own. Suggest 6:45 AM at Berkley Senior Center (see above).*

✓ 24, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes, (232-7421). Meet at 6:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center (See Above). ½ day. Lunch optional.

27, Saturday. Filius Park, Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake, Mt. Evans. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center or at 8:00 AM at Filius Park.*

28, Sunday. Reynolds Park, Buffalo Creek, Pine. Leader: Mel Gabel (674-6270). Meet at 7:15 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center and carpool on your own. Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Hilander Inn, Conifer (US 285).*

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SPECIAL NOTICE

This month's Lark Bunting is an abbreviated edition. The Field Trip Summaries and Additional Reports for June will be completed in next month's edition. Sorry for the delay. EDITOR.

JUNE 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (PARTIAL LISTING):

- JUNE 15-16, Saturday and Sunday. Pike National Forest, Burnt Mill Road, Rye, Lake Meredith, Adobe Creek Reservoir, Two Buttes SWA, Cottonwood Canyon, George Canyon, Garden of the Gods (PIKE). Observers: David and Linda Blue, Richard Bunn, Larry Halsey, Wade Leitner. (Clear; 65-101°; wind 0-5 MPH). ? miles by car., 2 miles on foot. 30 hours. (135 species, 3821 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. West Plum Creek to Castlewood (PLUM). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: John and Marge Sanden, Al and Diane Hay, Maxine Riley, Richard Hale. (Clear; 50-85°). 50 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8.5 hours. (49 species, 1196 individuals).

JUNE 8, Saturday. Fountain, Colorado Springs WRA, Black Forest (Fountain). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Roger Aaron, Ken and Wanda Dudek, Lori Chappell, Virginia Ham, Tina Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Roland Olderogg, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 65-90°). 200 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 11.5 hours. (53 species, 259).

26, Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Louise Augustine, Inez Baker, Tom and Louise Bein, Marilyn Brandenburg, Dan Bridges, Wayne Clark, Margaret Coin, Virginia Dionigi, Ester Ditmer, Gale Guirrieri, Alan and Dee Hay, Jackie Henman, Mary Hill, Jessica Hill, Bob and Jeanne Jickling, Hazel Kellogg, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Freda Krolik, Ann Means, Richard Pratt, Martha Rosener, Ruth Reeser, Audrey Ryder, Helen Ryder, Mary Jane Schock, Betty Seacrest, Mortimer Staatz, Marion Teal, Vito Tursi, Jean Weaver, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly-cloudy, scattered snow showers; calm to light breeze; 35-43°). 24 miles by car, 4 miles on foot, 5 hours. (41 species, 188 individuals).

29-30, Saturday and Sunday. Lathrop State Park, Sanddunes, Alamosa NWR, Montevista NWR (Lathrop). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Pat Henthorne, Ed and Linda Holub, David Holub, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear; light breeze; 70-90°). 400 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 19.5 hours. (82 species, 1230 individuals).

JUNE AREA HABITAT	8 FOUNTAIN PLAINS	15-16 PIKE PLAINS	23 PLUM PLAINS	26 RMNP MOUNTAIN	29-30 LATHROP PLAINS
Pied-billed Grebe					13
Eared Grebe					100
Western Grebe		15			5
American White Pelican		12			
Double-crested Cormorant		17			
Great Blue Heron	1	2	1		
Snowy Egret		5			5
Cattle Egret					10
Black-crowned Night Heron		8			4
Green-backed Heron	1				
White-faced Ibis		28			14
Canada Goose					74
Green-winged Teal		2			3
Mallard		12			5
Northern Pintail					2
Blue-winged Teal		6			4
Cinnamon Teal		2			2
Northern Shoveler		11			2
Gadwall		4			77
Redhead					3
Ruddy Duck					17
Turkey Vulture	1	26	20		2
Mississippi Kite		40			
Northern Harrier		3			2
Cooper's Hawk		1	1		
Northern Goshawk				1	
Swinson's Hawk	1	19			2
Red-tailed Hawk					
"Western" race	2	12	2	1	
Ferruginous Hawk		2			
Golden Eagle			1		
American Kestrel	3	28	5		3
Prairie Falcon		1	3		1
Ring-necked Pheasant	2				2
Wild Turkey		3			

JUNE AREA HABITAT	8 FOUNTAIN PLAINS	15-16 PIKE PLAINS	23 PLUM PLAINS	26 RMNP MOUNTAIN	29-30 LATHROP PLAINS	
Scaled Quail		8				
Virginia Rail	1					
American Coot		28			134	
Killdeer	6	27	2		58	
Mountain Plover		11				
Black-necked Stilt		4			3	
American Avocet		12			126	
Greater Yellowlegs		1			4	
Spotted Sandpiper			1			
Long-billed Curlew		17				
Marbled Godwit		1				
Semipalmated Sandpiper		8				
White-rumped Sandpiper		23				
Baird's Sandpiper		1				
Stilt Sandpiper		1				
Common Snipe		1			3	
Wilson's Phalarope		17			13	
Laughing Gull		1				
Franklin's Gull		6			1	
Ring-billed Gull		1			7	
California Gull		45			3	
Gull sp.		25				
Caspian Tern		2				
Forster's Tern		5				
Least Tern		3				
Black Tern		2				
Rock Dove	14	75				
Band-tailed Pigeon				1		
Mourning Dove	15	222	50		24	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4					
Common Barn-Owl		3				
Flammulated Owl		2				
Western Screech-Owl		4				
Great Horned Owl	1	2				
Northern Pygmy-Owl				1		
Burrowing Owl		7				
Northern Saw-whet Owl		1				
Common Nighthawk	2	25			3	
Common Poorwill		5				
Chimney Swift		10				
White-throated Swift		65			5	
Black-chinned Hummingbird		1				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1	4	1	5	
Belted Kingfisher		1	2			
Lewis' Woodpecker	1	33				
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	5				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				11	1	
Williamson's Sapsucker				7		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		3				
Downy Woodpecker	1	5				
Hairy Woodpecker	1	2	2			
Three-toed Woodpecker				1		
Northern Flicker		17				
"Red-shafted" race	3		6	5		
Western Wood-Pewee	2	7	6	5		

JUNE AREA HABITAT	8 FOUNTAIN PLAINS	15-16 PIKE PLAINS	23 PLUM PLAINS	26 RMNP MOUNTAIN	29-30 LATHROP PLAINS	
Willow Flycatcher		1			1	
Hammond's Flycatcher				3		
Dusky Flycatcher				1		
Western Flycatcher		3	1	1		
"Empidonax" species			2			
Eastern Phoebe		5				
Say's Phoebe		6				1
Ash-throated Flycatcher		14				
Cassin's Kingbird		28				2
Western Kingbird	4	175	1			2
Eastern Kingbird	1	2				
Horned Lark	16	345	3			5
Gray Flycatcher						2
Tree Swallow		2		35		
Violet-green Swallow	3	12	200	2		7
No. Rough Winged Swallow	1	8				
Cliff Swallow	2	360	20			77
Barn Swallow	9	167	6	1		18
Swallow sp.		135				
Gray Jay				1		
Steller's Jay		1	2	2		
Scrub Jay		10	12			7
Pinyon Jay		10				
Clark's Nutcracker						5
Black-billed Magpie	5	18	50	2		2
American Crow	2	37	6	1		11
Chihuahuan Raven		12				
Common Raven	1	3		6		2
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2	6			
Mountain Chickadee	5	2		1		
Plain Titmouse		1				7
Bushtit		8				
White-breasted Nuthatch	1			4		
Pygmy Nuthatch		5	6	3		
Brown Creeper				1		
Rock Wren		18				
Canyon Wren		7				
Bewick's Wren		16				
House Wren	10	21	20	25		5
American Dipper		2				
Western Bluebird		5				
Mountain Bluebird	5	1	1	6		8
Hermit Thrush		1				3
American Robin	9	8	20	15		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1		
Gray Catbird			1			
Northern Mockingbird	1	31				
Sage Thrasher						7
Brown Thrasher		1				
Curve-billed Thrasher		1				
Loggerhead Shrike		9				1
European Starling	32	28	50	6		12
Solitary Vireo		2				
Warbling Vireo		1		3		3

JUNE AREA HABITAT	8 FOUNTAIN. PLAINS	15-16 PIKE PLAINS	23 PLUM PLAINS	26 RMNP MOUNTAIN	29-30 LATHROP PLAINS
Virginia's Warbler		2	2		
Yellow Warbler	5		4		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler		5		4	
Common Yellowthroat	5	6	6		2
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	5	12		
Western Tanager		2	2	3	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1			1	
Hepatic Tanager		1			
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	5			
Blue Grosbeak		24			
Lazuli Bunting		15	2		1
Indigo Bunting		8			
Dickcissel		14			
Green-tailed Towhee				3	4
Rufous-sided Towhee	2	6			3
Brown Towhee		11			1
Cassin's Sparrow		23			
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		1			
Chipping Sparrow	3	10			1
Vesper Sparrow			50		6
Lark Sparrow	5	190			1
Lark Bunting	1	87	1		8
Grasshopper Sparrow		4			
Song Sparrow	1		2		3
Lincoln's Sparrow				1	
White-crowned Sparrow				1	
Dark-eyed Junco					
"Gray-headed" race		3		4	
Red-winged Blackbird	11	55	500	1	97
Western Meadowlark	12	245	50		15
Yellow-headed Blackbird		65			86
Brewer's Blackbird		7			43
Common Grackle	20	157	10		20
Black-bird sp.		65			
Brown-headed Cowbird		22	20		1
Northern Oriole					
"Bullock's" race	3	82	6		1
Cassin's Finch	2				
House Finch	33	6			1
Pine Siskin		17		8	9
Lesser Goldfinch		45	2		
American Goldfinch		6	12		
Evening Grosbeak		2		2	
House Sparrow	8	40			2
TOTAL SPECIES - 360	53.	135.	49.	41.	82.

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1985 REPORTS:

Flammulated Owl (4, 1 nest) 6-24 - Pike National Forest 7 miles north of Florrissant (RB, BM).
 Calliope Hummingbird (1) 6-6 to 6-30 - Glenwood Springs (VZ).
 Hammond's Flycatcher (3) 6-22 - Pike National Forest, North of Divide (RB, BM).
 Dusky Flycatcher (2) 6-22 - Manitou Lake, Teller Co. (RB, BM).
 Ash-throated Flycatcher (1) 6-26 - Garden of the Gods, El Paso Co. (RB).
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1) 6-26 - Garden of the Gods, El Paso Co. (RB).

Veery (4) 6-22 - Manitou Lake, Teller Co. (RB, BM); (3, 1 nest) 6-22 Pike National Forest, 7 miles North of Florrissant (RB, BM).
Bendire's Thrasher (7) 6-19 - Del Norte (VZ).

CONTRIBUTORS: Rich Bunn (RB), Bill Maynard (BM), Vic Zerbi (VZ).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmentin the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1985:

- AUGUST ~~3~~, Saturday. Bailey, Guanella Pass, Georgetown. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, SW of May D&F at Sheridan and Hampden.*
- ~~4~~, Sunday. Joint Trip with Evergreen Naturalists: Elk Management Area - Mt. Evans. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-9651). Meet at 8:00 AM at PSC lot, North of Evergreen.*
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- ~~10~~, Saturday. Eldora/Nederland Area. Leader: Gail Shickley. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church - 38th & Wadsworth South lot.*
- ~~11~~, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Wade Leitner (699-7281). Meet at 6:30 AM at Airport Budget Motel North of I-70 on Chambers Road.*
- ~~17~~, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet and carpool at 6:45 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church. Meet at 8:30 AM at headquarters in Estes Park Visitor Center.*
- ~~18~~, Sunday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at 6:30 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, or meet leader at 7:15 AM at International Pancake House, Baseline Road and Broadway in Boulder.*
- 21, ~~Wednesday~~. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Wade Leitner. Meet at 6:30 AM at West Gate. ½ day - lunch optional.
- ~~24~~, Saturday. Mathew Winters - Redrocks Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:00 AM at Mathew Winters Park - lot ¼ mile south of Morrison exit off I-70. 3 mile hike, ½ day - lunch optional. Take water.
- ~~25~~, Sunday. Squaw Mountain, Echo and Summit Lakes. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 AM inside park at Deer Creek Picnic Area.*
- 28, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Frank Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:00 AM inside park at Deer Creek Picnic Area.*

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Circle

AUGUST 31, Saturday. Northeast Colorado Reservoirs. Leader: ~~Jerry Cairn~~ ^{Jack Reddall} 771-5308. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 6:30 AM Denver Museum of Natural History. Meet leader on Road 48 South of Latham Reservoir at 7:30 AM.*

*Bring Lunch

Submitted by:

Sun

9-1 No Trip

Robert Spencer 279-4682

Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

9-2 (Mon) Rye Ranch - Plains Birds

Joe Rye Call

Tues.
Meeting 9-3 7:30 p.m.

9-7 & 8 High Energy Fall Count

333-~~3672~~

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

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1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:
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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc).
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JUNE 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES: (Please refer to Volume 20, Number 10 for reports from June 8, 23, 26, and 29-30 Field Trips)

(Jack Reddall, Compiler)

- JUNE 1, Saturday. Apex Trail (APEX). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Wanda & Ken Dudbek, Alan Hay, Larry Modesitt. (Partly cloudy; wind, calm; 50-65°). 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 5 hours. (43 species, 204 individuals).
- 2, Sunday. Latham Reservoir and Pawnee National Grassland (PNGL). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: John Bregar, Ila Clark, Mary Gwen, Kris Jay, Pat McClearn, Andrew McConkey, Edwin McConkey, Tim Schowalter. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, S, 5-10 MPH; 60-75°). 210 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 12 hours. (60 species, 789 individuals).
- 5, Wednesday. Cherry Creek State Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Wanda Dudbek, Freda Krolik, Jean Maguire, Larry Modesitt, Don & Jo Shrode, Claude Vallieres, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 50-80°). 18 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (48 species, 333 individuals).

JUNE 8, Saturday. (See Vol. 20, No. 10).

- 9, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Roger Aaron, Patty Echelmeyer, Tom & Virginia Faxon. (Clear; wind, 0-5 MPH; 55-75°). 52 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 5 hours. (41 species, 310 individuals).
- 12, Wednesday. Manville Headquarters (Eagle Nest), Deer Creek (NEST). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Lori Chappell, Wanda Dudbek, Patty Echelmeyer, Dee Hay, Don Johnson, Greda Krolik, Jean Maguire, Vito Tursi, Claude Vallieres, Ruth Wheeler. (Early overcast becoming clear; wind, calm; 85°). 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours. (43 species, 214 individuals).
- 15-16, Saturday & Sunday. North Park Area: Willow Creek Pass, Roosevelt National Forest, Cameron Pass, Fraser (NPARK). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Bobbie & Elmer Ausfahl, Hazel Kellogg, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear with afternoon showers; wind, W, 10-25 MPH; 50-75°). 160 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 16½ hours. 189 species, 854 individuals).
- 19, Wednesday. Waterton to Chatfield (WTCH). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Lori Chappell, Mike DeHarte, Virginia Edens. (Clear; wind, 5 MPH; 52-85°). 42 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (59 species, 943 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. Riverside Reservoir and Vicinity (RIVR). Leader: Dr. Ronald A. Ryder. Observers: Joe Himmel, Don & Lee Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Marion Teele, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, W, 3-8 MPH; 60-90°). 147 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6 hours. (40 species, 3435 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. (See Vol. 20, No. 10).
- 26, Wednesday. (See Vol. 20, No. 10).
- 29, Saturday. Bear Creek (BEAR). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Freda Krolik, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; 55-75°). 20 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (34 species, 266 individuals).
- 29-30, Saturday & Sunday. (See Vol. 20, No. 10).

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1 APEX FOOT	2 PNGL PLNS	5 CCRA PLNS	9 BARR PLNS	12 NEST FOOT	15/16 NPARK MT/HP	19 WTCH PLNS	22 RIVR PLNS	29 BEAR PLNS
Pied-billed Grebe			1	2		1	1a4i	1	2
Eared Grebe						116			
Western Grebe		1	16	22				3	
American White Pelican		43		9				2500	
Double-crested Cormorant		5	1	6		3	150	150	36
American Bittern								1	
Great Blue Heron		3	24	7	3	1	155	10	1
Snowy Egret		1				1		6	
Little Blue Heron								1	
Cattle Egret								1	
Green-backed Heron							3		
Black-crowned Night Heron		1	2	2		1	3	10	1
Canada Goose			30	40		15a9i	25	200	12
Green-winged Teal		2				3			
Mallard		7	13	7	2	12	38	6	9
Northern Pintail		4		3		8			
Blue-winged Teal		5	1	15		2		6	
Cinnamon Teal		2				11			
Northern Shoveler			6			4			

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1 APEX FOOT	2 PNGL PLNS	5 CCRA PLNS	9 BARR PLNS	12 NEST FOOT	15/16 NPARK MT/HP	19 WTCH PLNS	22 RIVR PLNS	29 BEAR PLNS	
Gadwall		2	2	3		62		2		
American Wigeon						18				
Redhead				3		52				
Ring-necked Duck						2				
Lesser Scaup						60				
Ruddy Duck				1		14				
Turkey Vulture					4					
Bald Eagle						1				
Northern Harrier		2	1			1				
Swainson's Hawk		1		2		1	2N	1		
Red-tailed Hawk					1	2	2a2i			
"Western" races	3									
Golden Eagle					2a2i	5				
American Kestrel	2	2	2	1	2		6		2	
Prairie Falcon						1				
Ring-necked Pheasant		3	5							
Blue Grouse	1m									
Virginia Rail			1							
Sora						2				
American Coot			3	9		48	4	1		
Killdeer		44	8	5		7	5	2	1	
Mountain Plover		12								
American Avocet		7				20				
Willet						10				
Spotted Sandpiper		4	2			1	2			
Common Snipe						2				
Wilson's Phalarope		6				19				
Franklin's Gull								1		
Bonaparte's Gull						1im				
Ring-billed Gull		4	1			17	51			
California						5	6	250		
Forster's Tern						5				
Black Tern						1				
Rock Dove		18	2		6	20	12	20	2	
Mourning Dove	4	30	6	17	2		3	27	6	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									1	
Great Horned Owl				3	1		1im	2		
Burrowing Owl		1	1				1			
Short-eared Owl						1				
Common Nighthawk		8				5				
White-throated Swift					22					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4				1	4				
Belted Kingfisher							1		1	
Lewis' Woodpecker							2			
Downy Woodpecker		2				1	1	3	2	
Hairy Woodpecker					1					
Northern Flicker										
"Red-shafted" race	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	9	
Western Wood-Pewee	3	4	2	1	3	1				
Western Kingbird	1	50	2	8	1		8	10	2	
Eastern Kingbird		20	4	11			7	9		
Horned Lark		80				7	2		1	
Tree Swallow			2	14		2	3			
Violet-green Swallow	5				12	22				
No. Rough-winged Swallow			1	1	23				6	
Cliff Swallow	5	1	1			85	120			
Barn Swallow	5	40	2		31	7	75	35	6	

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Gray Jay						4				
Steller's Jay	8									
Blue Jay		1								
Scrub Jay					3					
Black-billed Magpie	10	5	8	8	5	5	6	1	15	
American Crow						6	4			
Common Raven	1					17				
Black-capped Chickadee			3	2	4		2		1	
Mountain Chickadee						3				
White-breasted Nuthatch	1									
Pygmy Nuthatch	10									
Rock Wren	2	1				1	1			
Canyon Wren					3					
House Wren	2	1	7	5	4	1	10	2	2	
Marsh Wren		2				1				
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						5				
Mountain Bluebird						3				
Townsend's Solitaire	3									
Swainson's Thrush		3				2				
Hermit Thrush						2				
American Robin	10	10	5	6	6	7	4	4	10	
Gray Catbird					1		2N			
Sage Thrasher						2				
Brown Thrasher		3								
Loggerhead Shrike		4								
European Starling	5	20	41	4	7		35	50	40	
Warbling Vireo	7	1			2N					
Red-eyed Vireo					1	1				
Yellow Warbler	2	2	2	3	9	2	4		3	
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race	1		1			5				
Common Yellowthroat		1	7	4	1		8	1		
Wilson's Warbler						5				
Yellow-breasted Chat	5				1		5		1	
Black-headed Grosbeak	5				4		1			
Blue Grosbeak			1	7			16e			
Lazuli Bunting	15						2			
Indigo Bunting	1				5					
Green-tailed Towhee	4									
Rufous-sided Towhee	15				5		6			
Chipping Sparrow	3									
Brewer's Sparrow						2				
Vesper Sparrow		9				1	1		4	
Lark Sparrow				1		1		2	1	
Lark Bunting		100		1						
Savannah Sparrow						4				
Fox Sparrow						1				
Song Sparrow			2		1	1	7		3	
Lincoln's Sparrow						4				
White-crowned Sparrow						7				
Dark-eyed Junco										
"Gray-headed" race						2				
McCown's Longspur		24								
Red-winged Blackbird		40	16	16	7	8	87	50	35	
Western Meadowlark	1	35	16	5	3	1	17	15	6	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		14	17			14	1			

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1 APEX.	2 PNGL.	5 CCRA.	9 BARR.	12 NEST.	15/16 NPARK.	19 WTCH.	22 RIVR.	29 BEAR.
	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	MT/HP	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
Brewer's Blackbird			20				6		
Common Grackle	10	18	18	9	7	3	5	16	15
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	3		6	7	5	2		
Orchard Oriole		10					1m1f		
Northern Oriole							10	7	
"Bullock's" race	10	6	8	26	3				13
Pine Grosbeak						3			
Cassin's Finch	2					2			
House Finch	5		7		2	6	2	2	16
Red Crossbill			1						
Pine Siskin	5				1	5			
Lesser Goldfinch	10				2		4		
American Goldfinch	2	4	4				9	4	
Evening Grosbeak	1								
House Sparrow	10	50	10	13		10	1	22	1
TOTAL SPECIES -	43.	60.	48.	41.	43.	89.	59.	40.	34.

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; female=fe, f; adult=ad, a; immature=im, i; N=nest(s) found; plains=PLNS; foothills=FOOT; high plains=HP; mountains=MT.

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1985 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, Compiler):

Least Bittern 6-8 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (DN).
 Great Egret 6-2 (1) Latham Reservoir (DN).
 White-faced Ibis 6-20 (1) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson Co. (PE).
 Snow Goose 6-23 (1, "white" form) Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (BA).
 Wood Duck 6-23 (5 juveniles) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (BA).
 Common Merganser 6-29 (1 male) Shadow Mountain Lake, Grand Co. (BA).
 Osprey 6-4 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK); 6-29 (2 nests) Shadow Mtn. Lake (BA).
 Blue Grouse 6-23 (2) Blue Mountain, Coal Creek Canyon, Boulder Co. (DN).
 King Rail 6-2 (1) Latham Reservoir (DN). (This bird has been in the area since 5-12 and observed by many - ED.).
 Solitary Sandpiper 6-23 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA (BA).
 Marbled Godwit 6-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (PE).
 Slaty-backed Gull 6-30 (1 adult) Homer Spit, AK (JR).
 Black-billed Cuckoo 6-9 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (DN, et al).
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6-27 (1) 15 Cherry St., Denver (TS).
 Great Crested Flycatcher 6-22 (1) Julesburg Wayside Rest Area, Sedgwick Co. (BA).
 Eastern Kingbird 6-4 (pair building a nest in a dead tree in heron rookery) Chatfield S.P. (HK).
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 6-1 through 6-5 (1) along Smith Road east of I-70 overpass, Adams Co. (AS). (This bird was reported and well documented in May ED.); 6-21 (1) LaVeta, Huerfano Co. (EW).
 Blue Jay 6-9 (1) Silverthorne, Summit Co. (HK, UK).
 Golden-winged Warbler 6-6 (1, "Brewster's" form) Denver Tech Center, Arapahoe Co. (HK).
 Orange-crowned Warbler 6-9 (2, singing) along Boulder Creek & HWY 9, Silverthorne (HK).
 American Redstart 6-10 (1, first year male, singing) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DH).
 Grasshopper Sparrow 6-2, 6-9, 6-23 (3, singing) east side of Piccadilly Rd. 1/2 mile north of 32nd Parkway, Adams Co. (AS). Details submitted - ED.
 Fox Sparrow 6-30 (1, singing) 2 miles west of Eldora, Boulder Co. (DN).
 Bobolink 6-6 (1, singing male) Bear Creek Park, Jefferson Co. (DN).
 Red Crossbill 6-3 (1 male, found dead) backyard 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 6-4 (12) flying over entrance station to Chatfield S.P. (HK).

CONTRIBUTORS: Bob Andrews (BA), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Hugh Kingery (HK), Urling Kingery (UK), Duane Nelson (DN), Jack Reddall (JR), Aaron Sell (AS), Ted Stockmar (TS), Ellie Walker (EW).

JULY 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES: (Jack Reddall, Compiler)

- JULY 6, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes (BRAN). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Mason Akers, Mike Akers, Virginia Bleck, Nancy Boyd, Denise Boyd, Mike Foster, Hazel Kellogg, Andy Lansberg, Ellen Morris, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Tobby Titman, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, calm; 65-85°). 61 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours. (43 species, 269 individuals).
- 7, Sunday. Golden Gate Canyon and State Park (GGCSP). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Denise Boyd, Nancy Boyd, Dee Hay, Dick Jones, Freda Krolik, Betty Maguire, Jean Maguire, Walter Maguire, Maxine Riley, Don Taylor. (Sunny becoming cloudy; 65-85°). 63 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (45 species, 390 individuals).
- 10, Wednesday. Castlewood Canyon State Park (CW). Leaders: Nancy Jones & Helen Singer. Observer: Glenna Carey, Wanda Dudbek, Bran & Martha Schaefer, Don & Jo Shrode. (wind light; 90°). 62 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. (41 species, 375 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Park County: Jefferson, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch (PARK). Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Lori Chappell, Warren Finch, Dick Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Jean & Walter Maguire, Betty & Harold Oliver, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler. (Clear in morning becoming partly cloudy in afternoon; wind, N, 0-20 MPH; 45-70°). 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (47 species, 540 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ralph Ehret, June Hyman, Kris Jay, Don & Jo Shrode. (Clear; wind calm; 62-85°). 42 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours. (43 species, 706 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Berthoud/Loveland Area (BTH/LL). Leaders: Camille Cummings (Berthoud); Ron Harden & Ann Means (Loveland). Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Julia Kassanchuk, Freda Krolik, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast to partly cloudy; wind 0-7 MPH; 60-78°). 128 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (63 species, 709 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Weld County: Pawnee Buttes; Crow Valley Campground at Briggsdale; lakes at County Rds. 61, 59, and 74; Howard's Reservoir, Latham Reservoir (WLD). Observer: Jerry Cairo. (Overcast in morning becoming sunny in afternoon; wind 0-5 MPH; 60-81°). 152 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (88 species, 2103 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Coal Creek Canyon and Eldora (CCE). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Warren Finch, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer. (Light rain in AM, partly cloudy PM; 48-70°). 55 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (64 species, 660 individuals).
- 24, Wednesday. Southeastern Colorado: Pueblo, Ordway, La Junta, Kim, Mesa de Maya, Purgatorie River, Las Animas, Blue Lake (SECO). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy, late afternoon thunderstorms; wind, NE, 10-15 MPH; 60-85°). 586 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 16½ hours. (88 species, 660 individuals).
- 24, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Glenna Carey, Wanda Dudbek, Alan Hay, Thompson Marsh, Don & Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind, 0-5 MPH; 55-75°). 17½ miles. 6 hours. (46 species, 1067 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake and Summit Lake (ECHO). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Mike DeHarte, Jay Doyle, Virginia Ham, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Jan Justice, Freda Krolik, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe & Norma Shwed, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 50-75°). 31 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours. (40 species, 141 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Reynolds Park, Buffalo Creek, Pine. Leader: Mel Gabel. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 28, Sunday. Denver to Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir (LION). Observers: Laurens Halsey, Pat & Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy, afternoon thundershowers; wind, NE, 10-20 MPH; 60-80°). 375 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 13½ hours. (79 species, 1374 individuals).

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Common Loon												1
Pied-billed Grebe					1	1	2					
Eared Grebe						1						
Western Grebe					35		75		2	1		1
American White Pelican					49		15					15
Double-crested Cormorant					5	1	3			212		30
Olivaceous Cormorant												1ad
Great Blue Heron			1		5	1	4	7	1	20	15	6
Snowy Egret							1		1			
Black-crowned Night Heron					1	1	8		6			
Yellow-crowned Night Heron												1im
White-faced Ibis									8			
Canada Goose					21	6	8	6		78		150
Wood Duck							2					1
Green-winged Teal	2											
Mallard			27	1	16e	5	10	3	2	15		10
Northern Pintail							4		16e			
Blue-winged Teal					9		2	4				3
Cinnamon Teal					10			2				3
Gadwall							3					
American Wigeon							6					
Redhead							15					
Common Merganser									1ma			
Ruddy Duck						15	1					3
Turkey Vulture	2					3			3			
Mississippi Kite									6a1i			
Bald Eagle									1im			
Northern Harrier									1ma	1		
Cooper's Hawk								1				
Northern Goshawk	1	1										
"Accipiter" sp.						1						
Swinson's Hawk				1	25		2	8	14			25
Red-tailed Hawk	4		3			1		3	1			
"Western" races									4		1	4
Ferruginous Hawk							1im		1ad			
Golden Eagle								1				
American Kestrel		1	2				5	16	8		1	2
Peregrine Falcon									1ad			
Prairie Falcon			1					3				
Ring-necked Pheasant					2							
Blue Grouse	1a1i											
Northern Bobwhite												1-H
Scaled Quail									31			
Virginia Rail							1					
Sora							1-H					
American Coot					10		1		1			
Black-bellied Plover									1			
Semipalmated Plover												2
Killdeer	4a6i	1	2	2	17	3	35	2	35	9		45
Black-necked Stilt									2			
American Avocet						3	4		15			
Greater Yellowlegs							3		6			1
Lesser Yellowlegs					5	5	150		65			25
Solitary Sandpiper										1		5
Spotted Sandpiper	3	1	2	2				3	10	7		3
Upland Sandpiper												2
Long-billed Curlew							1					1

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Red Knot									1			
Semipalmated Sandpiper							4		1			2
Western Sandpiper							28		15			15
Least Sandpiper							8		5			5
Baird's Sandpiper						1	2		2			10
Pectoral Sandpiper												1
Stilt Sandpiper							13					20
Long-billed Dowitcher						2	21		6			30
Common Snipe				14								
Wilson's Phalarope					3	1	13		2			4
Laughing Gull									1ad			
Franklin's Gull					130	1	370		65			8
Bonaparte's Gull												1im
Ring-billed Gull					8	2	4		20		55	25
California Gull						2	6		10		16	15
Forster's Tern									1			
Least Tern									4			
Black Tern						6			20			25
Rock Dove	3		19		4		12		65			10
Band-tailed Pigeon	13							5				
Mourning Dove	9	2	4		20	3	2	125	3	300	4	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							1					
Great Horned Owl						1	1		1ad	1		
Burrowing Owl							7			5		
Common Nighthawk						1	4	3	11	1	1	1
Black Swift								5				
Chimney Swift									5			2
White-throated Swift						9						
Magnificent Hummingbird	1											
Calliope Hummingbird								1ma				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	14	5	2	2	8	2		35		2	7	
Rufous Hummingbird					3			8			4	
Belted Kingfisher								3		6		
Lewis' Woodpecker									6			
Red-headed Woodpecker							1		1			4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			5N		16N						3	
Williamson's Sapsucker	1											
Dawny Woodpecker					1			2				
"Batchelder's" race						1						
eastern races										4		5
Hairy Woodpecker								4			3	
"Rocky Mountain" race	1											
Three-toed Woodpecker					1ma							
Northern Flicker			1				1	8		4		9
"Yellow-shafted" race												1
"Red-shafted" race	6	2	2		15	2			2		2	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1				3			1				
Western Wood-Pewee	3	3	2	2	12	2	8	3	2	6		1
Willow Flycatcher						1	2					
Least Flycatcher												1
Hammond's Flycatcher								1				
Dusky Flycatcher					3N			4				
'Empidonas" sp	1											
Western Flycatcher	4							1	6			
Say's Phoebe					2					1		
Ash-throated Flycatcher									3			
Western Kingbird			2		44		5	175	250	5		200

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Eastern Kingbird					20		5		1	1		45
Horned Lark			17		27		120		50	3		5
Tree Swallow	7	14N	25	60N	4	16		40		1		
Violet-green Swallow	3	3	8	12		1		14			4	
Bank Swallow							4					10
Cliff Swallow	27	4		95N		400	4		225	150		30
Barn Swallow	18	5	7N	26	4	15	5	35	16	150	22	100
Gray Jay				2a1i							2	
Steller's Jay			2	1				10			4	
Blue Jay						2	1		1			2
Scrub Jay			4									
Clark's Nutcracker								9			3	
Black-billed Magpie	8	2	1	2	25		2	3	15	7	2	2
American Crow	1		1				2	4	1		8	4
Chihuahuan Raven									3			
Common Raven		2	2	2				8			1	
Black-capped Chickadee	2		4		10	4				9		5
Mountain Chickadee			3N	4N				40			4	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			4					4				
White-breasted Nuthatch	3		2					3		2	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch	2	1	2N								6	
Brown Creeper	2							1			4	
Rock Wren		3					44	1		1		
Canyon Wren									1			
Bewick's Wren									3			
House Wren	8	2	4N	12	12N	5	1	4		17		50
Marsh Wren							3					
American Dipper	1					1						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				8				3			1	
Western Bluebird											6	
Mountain Bluebird	5	1	3N	20	24N			13	3im			
Townsend's Solitaire	1							3				
Swainson's Thrush								6				
Hermit Thrush				8				12				
American Robin	14	18	8	9	15N	6	2	2	80	6	10	3
Gray Catbird												25
Northern Mockingbird												1
Brown Thrasher									6			
Curve-billed Thrasher							1		1			3
Water Pipit							1		2			
Loggerhead Shrike							13		2		8	
European Starling		150		11	3	22	18	5	75	250		10
Bell's Vireo												5
Warbling Vireo	2		1	6				25				1
Virginia's Warbler		2										
Yellow Warbler			11	3N		1	4			3		5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2							50				
"Audubon's" race			3	8							4	
MacGillivray's Warbler								1				
Common Yellowthroat			1			5	6			2		15
Milson's Warbler				5	1			6			6	
Yellow-breasted Chat		1	1			2			8	2		15
Hepatic Tanager								1m16				
Western Tanager	1	2				1		2				
Black-headed Grosbeak						4		1		2	2	
Blue Grosbeak						2	1		2ma	1		
Indigo Bunting		9	1			9				3		
Dickcissel									1ma			

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Green-tailed Towhee		1	1					4				
Rufous-sided Towhee		6		45		6			4			
eastern races												1
"Spotted" races												1
Brown Towhee									2			
Chipping Sparrow							2	3	3		3	1
Brewer's Sparrow							1					
Vesper Sparrow			75	2		4	3	5				
Lark Sparrow						6	45		75			10
Lark Bunting					15		350		2500			
Savannah Sparrow				32			3					
Grasshopper Sparrow							3		2			
Fox Sparrow								1				
Song Sparrow	1		4	1	1			5		4		
Lincoln's Sparrow			2		10			20			1	
White-crowned Sparrow				20				25			6	
Dark-eyed Junco								12				
"Gray-headed" race			2	14							2	
McCown's Longspur							1					
Red-winged Blackbird	27	1	11	4	12	51	1	15	5	30	6	25
Western Meadowlark		2		36	4	6	3	100		250	7	100
Yellow-headed Blackbird						4	70	34		10		
Brewer's Blackbird	32		8	4	30	3	12		13			
Common Grackle	3	1		1ma	10			1		180	77	3
Brown-headed Cowbird		6	4	3	12	4		21	9	30		2
Orchard Oriole								1				5
Northern Oriole								12				
"Bullock's" race		2			35	3			15	12		1
Rosy Finch												
"Brown-capped" race											3	
Pine Grosbeak				1m1f							1	
Cassin's Finch				17				7			4	
House Finch	5	9				12		1		2	10	2
Pine Siskin	11	5	3	1	23		1		60		5	
Lesser Goldfinch		10		3		8			2		2	
American Goldfinch				5		3		2		1	17	15
Evening Grosbeak	1a1i					1		24			12	
House Sparrow				1	3	30	6	50	175			20
TOTAL SPECIES - 196	43	45	41	47	43	63	88	64	88	46	40	79

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ADDITIONAL JULY 1985 REPORTS (Jack Reddall Compiler):

Green-backed Heron 7-1 (1 adult) Thompson Lake, Weld Co. (JC); 7-10 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (RA).

Yellow-crowned Night Heron 7-14 (1) Windsor Lake, Denver (BD).

Snow Goose ("White" form) 7-26 (2 adults) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (WL, JR).

Blue Grouse 7-28 (4) Buckhorn Road, Larimer Co. (JC).

Sora 7-16 (1) Sunshine Campground (9500') San Miguel Co. (KH).

Semipalmated Plover 7-27 (2) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).

Black-necked Stilt 7-18 (1) Sweitzer State Park, Delta Co. (KH).

Willet 7-10 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (RA).

Marbled Godwit 7-? (1) Fruit Growers Reservoir (Hart's Basin) Delta Co. (KH).

Sanderling 7-18 (3) Sweitzer S.P. (KH).

Pectoral Sandpiper 7-? (1) Fruit Growers Reservoir (Hart's Basin) Delta Co. (KH).

Stilt Sandpiper 7-20 (13) Latham Reservoir (JC).
Eastern Screech-Owl 7-3 (2 adults, 1 immature) Lakewood (PE).
Black Swift 7-10 (7) Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer Co. (BR).
Magnificent Hummingbird 7-23 (1 male) Burland Estates, Park Co. (WL, JR).
Calliope Hummingbird 7-23 (2) Burland Estates (WL, JR); 7-23 (4) Georgia Pass, Park Co. (WL, JR).
Three-toed Woodpecker 7-10 (1) Rocky Mountain National Park, Endo Valley (BR).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 7-24 (8) Buckhorn Road at Pennock Pass, Larimer Co. (JC).
Sage Thrasher 7-10 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 61 & 74 (JG).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7-10 (1 male) Muir Springs Park (RA).
Grasshopper Sparrow 7-21 (3) east side of Piccadilly Rd., 1/2 mile northe of 32nd Parkway, Adams Co. (AS).

SPECIAL REPORT: An immature White Ibis was found on July 23 by Dan Bridges at Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa County. It was subsequently observed by many individuals as late as July 28. This represents a first state record for Colorado and the first new bird to be added to the Colorado State List since the appearance of a Brambling in November of 1983 at Colorado Springs (ED.).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - September 1985:

SEPTEMBER 2, Monday. Rigli Ranch, Plains Ecology. Leader: Joe Rigli Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot (IMAX) or at 7:45 AM at the Pepper Pod in Hudson.*

7-8, FALL COUNT. 333-0165 ^{Hugh Ferguson}

14, Saturday. Explore Food Supply of Birds, joint trip with Native Plant Society. Leaders: Jan Justice (936-4547) and Tina Jones. Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of May D&F, Hampden and Sheridan.*

15, Sunday. Longmont, Lyons. Leader: Bill Prather (1-776-2191). Carpool on your own. Meet leader at "Roadrunner" gas station, junction of I-25 and Colo. 119 (25 miles north of Denver).* 7:45 A.M.

21, Saturday. Foothills Meanderings. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th & Wadsworth.*

22, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet 7:30 at the Mortuary lot on Quebec south of Alameda. 1/2 day, lunch optional.

28, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 7:30 AM at Prospect Park, 44th ave., west of Kipling (near Robb).*

29, Sunday. Northeast Colorado Reservoirs. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at airport Budget Motel lot, Chambers Rd. north of I-70.* 7:00 AM

*BRING LUNCH

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Trip Coordinators

FALL COUNT

Trip Leaders: Send reports to Carol Hack, 1034 S. Steele, Denver 80209.

Saturday, September 7. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Allen Stokes (744-7455). Meet at 6:30 AM at LaBelles, 6th & Kipling.

Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Jan & Frank Justice (936-4547).

Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:30 AM, Park & Ride, U.S. 285 and South Wadsworth.

Bear Creek. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 6:30 AM, Bear Valley Shopping Center, May D&F, Sheridan and U.S. 285.

Sunday, September 8. Castlewood State Park. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at 7:00 AM, Texaco station, Franktown.

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:00 AM, west gate.

Barr Lake. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 6:00 AM, east gate (strenuous 8-10 mile hike).

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:00 AM, Bromley Lane and Piccadilly Road.

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NOTICE

Applications are now being accepted for Volunteer Naturalist positions at Barr Lake State Park. Volunteer Naturalists are vital to the success of the Barr Lake Nature Education Program. They lead nature walks, staff the nature center, create and build displays and help with the maintenance of the nature center. To accomplish these duties, volunteers must complete an intensive training program. The training program consists of five weekly sessions starting on Wednesday, October 16, and runs through November 13, with three additional sessions in January, February and March. All eight sessions must be attended to complete the program which is jointly sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Nongame Program and the Colorado Division of Parks.

For further information or to obtain an application, please contact Miriam Cook at 659-1160 or Carol Leasure at 659-6005. Applications will be accepted through October 1, 1985.

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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

October 1, 1985

"Whose That Raising Families Behind Moraine Park Campground?"

Paula Hansley and Gary Emerson will present a movie and slides on a breeding bird census in Rocky Mountain National Park.

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AUGUST 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

AUGUST 3, Saturday. Bailey, Guanella Pass, Georgetown (BGP). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Glenna Corey, Lori Chappell, Alan & Dee Hay, Jean Maguire, Jack Reddall, Don & Jo Shrode, Shirley Spencer. (Mostly clear; 60-85°). 30 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours. (42 species, 213 individuals).

4, Sunday. Bergen Park, Means Meadow, Elk Management Area (BME). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Dan Bridges, Sylvia Brockner, Min Canavan, Ken Dudbek, Lisa Dudbek, Wanda Dudbek, Peg Hayden, Maryann Linhart, Dave Mongeau, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Bob Robertson, Sylvia Robertson. (Clear; breezy; 50-76°). 31 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours. 33 species, 112 individuals).

- AUGUST 667, Tuesday & Wednesday. Southeastern Colorado: Limon, Rocky Ford, Cherau, Timber Lake, Blue Lake, Lamar, Springfield, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Canyon, Kim, Trinidad, Lathrop State Park (CECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy, afternoon thunderstorms; wind, SW, 10-15 MPH; 63-103°). 609 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 31 hours. (101 species, 9183 individuals).
- 10, Saturday. Pinecliffe/Eldora Area (PE). Leaders: Diane Brown, Dave Hallock. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Hilda Eichelberger, Alan & Dee Hay, Jack & Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Don & Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind, SW, gusting; 60-75°). 76 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours. (38 species, 143 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park, Prospect Reservoir, Union Reservoir (BARR). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Diana & Jay Doyle, Laurens Halsey, Evan & Ives Hannay, Ed McConkey, Judy Ward. (Clear; 70-95°). 143 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 11 hours. (70 species, 2061 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RM). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Henry and Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Dan and Barbara Daniels (Westville, NJ), Virginia Ham, Alan & Dee Hay, Joan Kato, Freda Krolik, Thompson Marsh, Maxine Riley, Michael and Luella Sanders, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Martha Zoetewey. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind 7-20 MPH; 65-75°). 50 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours. (40 species, 198 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Boulder area (BOLDER). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Alan Hay, Ed McConkey, Nicky Pliler, Don & Jo Shrode, Skip & Marge Sweiss. (Partly cloudy becoming overcast, rain in afternoon; wind 0-20 MPH; 70-80°). 65 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 6¼ hours. (78 species, 992 individuals).
- 21, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir Recreation Area (CCR). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Emily & Chuck Durham, Virginia Edens, Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall, Mort Staatz. (Clear; 70-95°). 10 miles by car, 4½ miles on foot. 9½ hours. (72 species, 855 individuals).
- 22, Thursday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Sterling (cemetery), North Sterling Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, afternoon thunderstorms; wind, E, 10-20 MPH; 63-92°). 360 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 15½ hours. (92 species, 2656 individuals).
- 22, Thursday. Antero Reservoir, Buena Vista (AR). Observers: Ruth Breckon, Don & Jo Shrode. (Clear; wind, 0-4 MPH; 50-80°). 85 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (53 species, 619 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Mathews/Winters Park and Red Rocks Park (MRR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Linda Dillon, Thompson Marsh, Holly Miller, Ruth Voss. (Clear; slight breeze; 60-79°). 4 miles on foot. 4 hours. (31 species, 382 individuals).
- 25, Sunday. Filius Park, Echo Lake, Summit Lake (FES). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Alan & Dee Hay, Freda Krolik, Jean Maguire, Scott & Diane Seltman (Nekoma, Kansas), Don & Jo Shrode, Joe and Norma Shwed. (Clear; 60-82°). 31 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours. (40 species, 389 individuals).
- 28, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Frank Justice. Observers: Bob Gustafson, Alan Hay, Jack Reddall, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to mostly sunny, afternoon thunderstorms; wind, SW, 0-10 MPH; 63-91°). 22 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9½ hours. (94 species, 2078 individuals).
- 31, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Latham Reservoir, Empire Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, (NECO). Leaders: Jerry Cairo & Jack Reddall. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Alan

AUGUST 31 (cont.)

Hay, Joe Himmel, Harold Holt, Ed Holub, Bill Prather, Tim Schowalter, Ann Southcott, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Vic Zerbi and family. (Clear to partly cloudy, afternoon thunderstorms; wind, SE, 0-10 MPH, gusting to 45 MPH in thunderstorms; 69-98°). 230 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12 hours. (92 species, 9984 individuals).

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	3 BGP F/M	4 BME MTN	6&7 SECOL PL/FH	10 PE MT	11 BARR PLNS	17 RM MT	18 BOLDER FH	21 CCR PLN	22 NECO PLNS	22 AR MT	24 MRR FHL	25 FES MTN	28 CHAT PLNS	31 NECO PLNS
Pied-billed Grebe			4		9		7	1						2
Eared Grebe			35					5						
Western Grebe			82		10		20	15	30				1	400
Clark's Grebe														4
American White Pelican					15		10		66					1000
Double-crested Cormorant			1		4		1		3				150	5
Great Blue Heron			19		4		22	2	30				12	50
Great Egret							2							
Snowy Egret					3		5		13	3				50
Little Blue Heron					1im				1im					1ad
Cattle Egret														75
Green-backed Heron									1					
Black-crowned Night Heron			2		1ad		1	1	5				1	1im
White-faced Ibis			30		20					15				6
Canada Goose					70		25	38	15				90	
Wood Duck								2					8	
Green-winged Teal			1			8	15			2			80	30
Mallard			60	3	1000	4	90	4	200	35			10	100
Northern Pintail			10				30		5	24			2	6
Blue-winged Teal			10		3		20	10	45	19			10	145
Cinnamon Teal					2		10	1						1
Northern Shoveler													2	30
Gadwall			15					1					2	150
American Wigeon													6	15
Canvasback							1fe							
Redhead							2fe							
Ring-necked Duck							1ma							
Hooded Merganser							1im							
Common Merganser			1fe											
Ruddy Duck			1											
Turkey Vulture		5	8											
Osprey										1				
Mississippi Kite			2ad						1fe	1				1fe
Northern Harrier			1fe											
Sharp-shinned Hawk								1						
Cooper's Hawk											1			
Northern Goshawk												1		
Swainson's Hawk			28		35		3	1	5	6				2
Red-tailed Hawk				1	2					1				
"Western" races	2		2ad						1				2ad	
Ferruginous Hawk			1ad											
Golden Eagle			1			1				1	1			
American Kestrel			11		4	1	3	1	1	3	4	1	2	2
Prairie Falcon										1				
Ring-necked Pheasant					5			1	3					1m36
Blue Grouse						2								
White-tailed Ptarmigan						1								
Wild Turkey			2a5i											
Northern Bobwhite			2-H											
Yellow Rail								1-H						

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Virginia Rail					1-H			1-H						2
Sora					1-H		1-H	2-H						4
American Coot			77	2	28		16		4	16			1	50
Black-bellied Plover														2
Semipalmated Plover									1					4
Killdeer			61		55		51	3	50	17	1		150	160
Black-necked Stilt			11											
American Avocet			6		3		23		8	14				200
Greater Yellowlegs			8		3		2			25			1	3
Lesser Yellowlegs			25		3		45		6				20	60
Solitary Sandpiper					1		4		1				3	7
Spotted Sandpiper			13	2	10	4	3	1	1				2	1
Upland Sandpiper					1-H									1
Long-billed Curlew			11											
Marbled Godwit					7				3				1	5
Red Knot			7											
Sanderling			1											1
Semipalmated Sandpiper					4		1						30	10
Western Sandpiper									2				20	4
Least Sandpiper			3				14		25				50	60
Baird's Sandpiper			9		21		9		150				80	200
Pectoral Sandpiper													3	2
Stilt Sandpiper							3		20				20	53
Buff-breasted Sandpiper									1					
Short-billed Dowitcher													1	
Long-billed Dowitcher			25						1					
Common Snipe	1						1						4	60
Wilson's Phalarope			40		13		40		60	49			5	2
Parasitic Jaeger														1im
Franklin's Gull			1600		150		46	20	350				2	5500
Ring-billed Gull			4		47		42	47	300	5			30	275
California Gull					35		15	5	3im	12			50	75
Common Tern					1			2						2
Forster's Tern			2		1									
Least Tern							1							
Black Tern			40		15		3	5	40					1
Rock Dove			80		80		10	30	7	8	50	9	20	10
Band-tailed Pigeon	1											3		
Mourning Dove			475		21		19	25	175	5			35	150
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			4											
Greater Roadrunner			8											
Eastern Screech-Owl					1im									
Western Screech-Owl			2ad											
Great Horned Owl									1ad				2	
Burrowing Owl							2						3	
Common Nighthawk			11					1	5				2	
Calliope Hummingbird	16e								16e					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	10	10		7		2	7			7	2	20		
Rufous Hummingbird	1					1	1			2				
Belted Kingfisher			1	1	1	1		2	1				4	
Lewis' Woodpecker			15				1							
Red-headed Woodpecker			2		1				1					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				1										
Williamson's Sapsucker	1	1				1	16					1	16e	
Downy Woodpecker	1				4			3				1		
"Batchelder's" race												1m16		
eastern races			2						5			4	16e	

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Hairy Woodpecker		3		1					2-H			1		
"Rocky Mountain" race			1											
eastern races			1											
Northern Flicker		1						5		2	3			
"Red-shafted" race	3		5	5		2	2	4					4	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2						1	2					
Western Wood-Pewee	3	5N		4	5	2		4	10				9	
Least Flycatcher								1						
Hammond's Flycatcher													1	
Empidonax sp.									4					1
Western Flycatcher	3	1			1	1		1						
Eastern Phoebe			3											
Say's Phoebe			2											
Cassin's Kingbird			2											
Western Kingbird			475		20		11	50	50	4	6		20	35
Eastern Kingbird			1		5		5	1	9					2
Horned Lark			420		3				2	28			4	3
Tree Swallow	2			6		4				10				
Violet-green Swallow	9			12						10				
No. Rough-winged Swallow												77	2	
Bank Swallow			300						25					5
Cliff Swallow	2		32			2	1		3	42			1	1
Barn Swallow	2	4	102	16	25	6	110	25	125	15	1		200	400
Gray Jay						2						11		
Steller's Jay	6	4		2		7	11				1	7		
Blue Jay			2						5					1
Scrub Jay			12							7	8			
Pinyon Jay			1							31				
Clark's Nutcracker						15						25		
Black-billed Magpie	1	1	8	1	26	5	1	4	35	70	11	15	6	50
American Crow	4		30	1		3		4		15			6	
Chihuahuan Raven			7											
Common Raven	3	2	1	2		2				5	1	2	2	
Black-capped Chickadee				2	18			5	13		8	17	15	
Mountain Chickadee	14	10		2		3				8	4	6		
Red-breasted Nuthatch								2				6		
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	1	1								15	2	
Pygmy Nuthatch	2	6		1			10					4		
Brown Creeper												10		
Rock Wren		1	20						2		5			
Canyon Wren			3-H											
Bewick's Wren			5											
House Wren	5	4	2	1	12	8		10	60			1	10	3
Marsh Wren								1	1-H					5
American Dipper		1				1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1						7		
Western Bluebird												20		
Mountain Bluebird	6	4		10		36				31		7		
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2		2								1		
Swainson's Thrush						1								
Hermit Thrush												1		
American Robin	23	10	5	5	15	12	15	10	50	80	6	150	1	75
Gray Catbird									1				1	10
Northern Mockingbird			2						1					
Sage Thrasher					1	1					15			
Brown Thrasher														1
Water Pipit						6						34		

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Cedar Waxwing													2	
Loggerhead Shrike			4		1		2	1	1				1	
European Starling			35		54		1	40	75	50	4	5	290	75
Solitary Vireo													1	
Warbling Vireo	2					2			3				6	
Orange-crowned Warbler					1			1	1					1
Virginia's Warbler							2						2	
Yellow Warbler					8			1	17	30	4		8	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler		4										15		
"Audubon's" race	2			3		15								
Townsend's Warbler									16e				16e	
American Redstart								1	1					
Northern Waterthrush								1	1					1
MacGillivray's Warbler							2						1	
Common Yellowthroat			1ma					1	20	20			2	3
Wilson's Warbler						3		1	10				2ma	6
Yellow-breasted Chat			3						2				1	
Western Tanager	2	1		3							1		4	1
Black-headed Grosbeak	2	1	1m1f	1				1	3		2	2	2	
Blue Grosbeak			5ma		1			3	1	1im			5im	1
Lazuli Bunting									1				5	
Dickcissel														
Green-tailed Towhee		2		1							5		1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1		1ma				5	1	1ma	1	20		2	
Brown Towhee			15											
Chipping Sparrow	9	6	3	2	52			5	75	45	3	15	3	4
Clay-colored Sparrow										2			6	10
Brewer's Sparrow										1			1	4
Vesper Sparrow		1		4		20					9	12	2	2
Lark Sparrow			14		2			1	5	30			1	6
Lark Bunting			4100		1			15		10		1	2	
Savannah Sparrow											7		2	3
Grasshopper Sparrow			1											
Fox Sparrow	2													
Song Sparrow	1			1				3	25	1	1		3	5
Lincoln's Sparrow	3					1								1
White-crowned Sparrow	15			6									3	
Dark-eyed Junco		2												
"Gray-headed" race	6			2		2						14		
Red-winged Blackbird			30		13	2		15	35	130	17		10	200
Western Meadowlark			175		5			5	7	65	6	15	10	35
Yellow-headed Blackbird			20		2					2				35
Brewer's Blackbird	4		100	4				25	1	27			250	
Common Grackle			250		11			40	5	25			10	50
Brown-headed Cowbird			8	1				2	4im	4			30	1
Northern Oriole					1			4						
"Bullock's" race			18			1	3		2					
Cassin's Finch	6	1		1							1			
House Finch			1		30		1	25	35		15	7	15	5
Red Crossbill		1												
Pine Siskin	9	8	1	28		1					7	30	30	
Lesser Goldfinch								5			10		2	
American Goldfinch			1		2			3	10	40		1	40	
Evening Grosbeak	30	6		1			40					1		
House Sparrow	10	1	75		50		10	10	50	25	9	9		60
TOTAL SPECIES - 210	42	33	101	38	70	40	78		72	92	53	31	40	92

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Heard Only=H; Nest=N;
 Plains= PLNS, PLN, PL; Foothills= FHL, FH, F; Mountains= MTN, MT, M.

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1985 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- Olivaceous Cormorant 8-18 (1 adult) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB). This is most likely the same bird that was reported at nearby Red Lion SWA on 7-28 (JR).
- Great Egret 8-14 (4 adults) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR); 8-18 (2) Union Reservoir (KL); 8-19 (6) Nee Grande Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DW, JW); 8-27 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron 8-31 (1 adult, 1 immature) Nee Grande Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DW, JW).
- Little Blue Heron 8-2 (2 immatures) Union Reservoir (JR); 8-3 (2 immatures) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (WL); 8-18 (1 immature) Union Reservoir (KL).
- Cattle Egret 8-14 (20) Latham Reservoir (JR).
- Green-backed Heron 8-1 (1 adult, 1 immature) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (JR); 8-19 (2) Rocky Ford State Fishing Area, Otero Co. (DW, JW).
- White Ibis This immature bird, a first state record for Colorado, was first found by Dan Bridges on 7-23 at Nee-So-Pah Reservoir in Kiowa Co. Many individuals subsequently saw the bird at this location and was last reported on 8-3 by LH, PL, WL.
- Mute Swan 8-19 (1 adult) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DW, JW). Unquestionably an escape as this species is only established in the wild along the northeastern Atlantic Coast. Many birds are kept in captivity and in parks. At one time the Mute Swan was accepted on the Colorado State List but was removed because it was not considered established as a feral species in the State (JR).
- Northern Pintail 8-19 (1, full albino) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (DW, JW).
- Common Merganser 8-17 (11 adults, 1 immature) Frank Wildlife Easement, Poudre River, Weld Co. (JC).
- Osprey 8-11 (nesting) Granby, Grand Co. (LH, PL, WL).
- Blue Grouse 8-10 (1) Paonia Reservoir, Gunnison Co. (DB); 8-13 (1) near Phillipsburg (Chritchell) Jefferson Co. (AH).
- White-tailed Ptarmigan 8-10 (1 female, 1 juvenile) Yule Pass south of Marble at 11,700', Gunnison Co. (DB); 8-11 (1 adult, 5 juveniles) Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer Co. (LH, PL, WL); 8-16 (1 adult, 5 juveniles) "Rock Cut", Rocky Mountain N.P. (JR).
- Sage Grouse 8-11 (35) Lake John, Jackson Co. (LH, PL, WL).
- Black-bellied Plover 8-20 (2, breeding plumage) Latham Reservoir (JC).
- Lesser Golden-Plover 8-27 (1, changing to winter plumage) Latham Reservoir (JC).
- Snowy Plover 8-3 (4) Blue Lake, Bent Co. (LH, PL, WL); 8-19 (4) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (DW, JW).
- Red Knot 8-10 (1) Union Reservoir (LH, PL, WL); 8-19 (1 adult) Blue Lake (DW, JW).
- White-rumped Sandpiper 8-25 (1) Empire Reservoir, Weld Co. (DW, JW).
- Pectoral Sandpiper 8-20 (4) Latham Reservoir (JC); 8-25 (1 juvenile) CO Hwy 52 at County Line Rd., Boulder Co. (DW, JW).
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper 8-19 (1 adult) Blue Lake (DW, JW).
- Short-billed Dowitcher 8-18 (3 immatures) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (LH, PL, WL).
- Red-necked Phalarope 8-21 (1) Gaynor Pond, Boulder Co. (DJW); 8-25 (1) Empire Reservoir (DW, JW, m.ob.).
- Bonaparte's Gull 8-19 (1 immature) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (DW, JW).
- Common Tern 8-19 (1 adult) Blue Lake (DW, JW).
- Least Tern 8-17 (2) Blue Lake (DB); 8-17 thru 8-21 (1) Union Reservoir (DW, JW, m.ob.); 8-19 (3 adults, 1 immature) Blue Lake (DW, JW).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo 8-24 & 8-31 (1) South Platte River near Greeley, Weld Co. (JC). Very few reports of yellow-billed Cuckoos during this breeding season, not only from Denver area but also from favorite haunts in eastern part of state.
- Common Barn-Owl 8-19 (1) Nee-Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DW, JW).
- Western Screech-Owl 8-17 (4) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (LH, PL, WL).
- Boreal Owl 8-10 (1 seen, 1 heard) Cameron Pass, Larimer Co. (LH, PL, WL).
- "Archilochus" Hummingbird 8-10 (1) Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (DN, DS); 8-22 (1 female) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (WL, JR). These were probably Black-chinned Hummingbirds, but the possibility of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in the northeastern part of the state does exist. The females of the two species are not separable in the field (JR).
- Calliope Hummingbird 8-1 thru 8-29 (1 female or immature) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (DN); 8-13 (1 female) Perry Park Ave. west of Larkspur, Douglas Co. (DB).
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird 8-7 (1 female) nesting in carport in Golden, Jefferson Co. (BS).
- Three-toed Woodpecker 8-11 (1 male) Rocky Mountain N.P. (LH, PL, WL); 8-16 (1 male) Horseshoe Park,

Rocky Mountain N.P. (JR).

Eastern Wood-Pewee 8-17 (1) Cimarron River, eastern Baca Co. (LH, PL, WL). No details (JR).

Great Crested Flycatcher 8-22 (1) Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (DM, DN).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 8-17 (4 adults, 4 immatures) Cimarron River, eastern Baca Co. (LH, PL, WL).

Bewick's Wren 8-25 (1) Orchard Rd., 2 miles south of Orchard, Morgan Co. (DW, JW). Out of normal range in Colorado (JR).

Hermit Thrush 8-13 (1) near Phillipsburg (Critchell), Jefferson Co. (AH).

Philadelphia Vireo 8-22 (1) 1917 Quitman, Denver (FJ). No details submitted.

Nashville Warbler 8-21 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (BS); Date? (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (LH, DW, JW).

Northern Parula 8-26 (1 female) Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (DB).

Townsend's Warbler 8-16 (1 female) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon (DN); 8-20 (3 immatures) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH); 8-24 (1 immature) Frank Easement, Poudre River (JC); 8-25 (1 female) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DW, JW).

Yellow-throated Warbler 8-24 (1 adult male), Chatfield State Park, Jefferson Co. (MJS).

Pine Warbler 8-31 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (DM, DN). Details submitted.

Palm Warbler 8-22 (1 adult, breeding plumage) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BS).

Blackpoll Warbler 8-31 (1 immature) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DW, JW).

American Redstart 8-28 (1 male, breeding plumage) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon (DN); 8-30 (2 males) Brooks Drive, Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Prothonotary Warbler 8-20 thru 8-22 (1 immature or female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN). Details submitted. Seen by numerous individuals.

Northern Waterthrush 8-14 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 8-17 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (DB); 8-19 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN); 8-26 (1) Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (DB).

Kentucky Warbler 8-31 (1 immature) Nee Noshe Reservoir (JW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 8-29 (1, first fall male), Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BR).

Indigo Bunting 8-24 (1) Mitani Easement, Weld Co. (JC).

Field Sparrow 8-31 (1) Nee Noshe Reservoir (DW).

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- 13, Sunday. Roxborough Park. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). 7:30 AM meet to carpool at Safeway, Hampden and South Logan. 8:15 AM meet leader at Roxborough & Rampart Rd.*
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- 20, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet 7:30 AM at the Park-n-Ride at Hampden and Wadsworth.*
- 26, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet at Prospect Park 7:30 AM.*
- 27, Sunday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). 7:00 AM car pool on your own at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church (38th & Wadsworth). 7:45 meet leader at the pancake house at Baseline and Broadway in Boulder.*

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SEPTEMBER 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

SEPTEMBER 2, Monday. Hudson to Rigli Ranch and Adena area south of Fort Morgan (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observer: Dave Griffiths, Harold & LaVona Holt, Anton Kalous, Jean Maguire, Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall, Hal Rupp, Joe & Norma Shwed, Ann Southcott, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Bette Wilkins. (Partly cloudy; wind, W, 0-10 MPH; 56-90°). 80 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8.75 hours. (65 species, 1443 individuals).

6-7, Friday & Saturday. Central Morgan County: Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir (CMGCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, SE, 5-15 MPH; 50-83°). 170 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 22 hours. (114 species).

 SEPTEMBER 7, Saturday. 1985 Fall Count (Carol Hack, compiler).

Red Rocks (RR). Leader: Allen Stokes. Observers: Peggy Gonder, Kathy Hirst, Jane Hyman, Randi Lentz, Eileen McGinn, Marilyn Stokes. (Sunny, calm; 65-85°). 5½ hours. 3 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (24 species, 140 individuals). A Grateful Dead Concert kept this intrepid group from their appointed rounds--they did cover Mathews Winter Park, the Hogback Ridge, and Morrison Park.

Lower Bear Creek (BCPK). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bill & Sylvia Brockner, Al & Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Richard Maslow, Mary Lou Myer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, calm; 55-80°). 8.75 hours. 25 miles by car, 4½ miles on foot. (75 species, 6240 individuals).

Chatfield (CH). Leader: Frank Justice. Observers: Barbara Bridges, Jan Justice. (Clear, light wind; 55-82°). 8½ hours. 10 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. (76 species, 923 individuals).

Waterton (WTR). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Walt Bull, Phil Hayes, D.W. King, Diana Mullineaux, Dick Pratt. (Clear, windy to 9:00 a.m.; 55-80°). 7½ hours. 10 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. (59 species, 572 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 8, Sunday.

Barr Lake (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Dan Bridges, Norm Erthal, Warren Finch, Duane Nelson. (Clear; wind 0-10 mph; 45-75°). 8½ hours. 7 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. (71 species, 2789 individuals).

Barr Lake Periphery (BPV). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: John Ward. (Clear, calm; 75-82°). 5 hours. 60 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. (52 species, 1953 individuals). Dove & Teal hunting caused problems for this group.

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon. (Clear, sunny, mild, slight wind; 47-75°). 7 hours. 11 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. (45 species, 941 individuals).

Castlewood Canyon (CWC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: John & Marge Sanden. (Clear, calm; 44-80°). 6 hours. 8 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. (40 species, 863 individuals).

<u>FALL COUNT SUMMARY:</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>
1985	143	14,421
1984	150	14,892
1983	150	10,392
1982	141	7,390

SEPTEMBER 14, Saturday. Chatfield State Park - a combined trip with the Native Plant Society (CSP). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Eleanor Van Bargaen, Henry & Vi Bossman, Barb Bridges, Lori Chappell, Ruby Ebright (with grandchildren Jeremy & Joshua Tuttle), Virginia Ham, Shirley Jaeger, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Peter Root, Ann Southcott. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, 0-20 MPH; 60-84°). 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours. (61 species, 666 individuals).

15, Sunday. Longmont/Lyons Area (LOLV). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Bill & Olive Burch (Buffalo, NY), Charles Burch, Alan & Dee Hay, Ed McConkey. (Mostly cloudy; wind, calm to light; 75°). 60 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (54 species, 4885 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 20, Friday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast, light rain becoming cloudy to partly cloudy; wind, SE 0-10 MPH; 45-58°). 32 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 10 hours. (91 species, 2976 individuals).

21, Saturday. Foothills Meanderings: George Shier's Home, White Ranch, Golden Gate State Park, Coal Creek (FH). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Duane Nelson, Mary Jane Schock, Ann Southcott, George & Marie Shier, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to clear; wind, 0-10 MPH; 45-65°). 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (56 species, 311 individuals).

21, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Boulder (CU campus, Bluebell Canyon, Baseline Reservoir); Park Lake, Prince Lake #2, Union Reservoir, Loveland, Boyd Lake SRA, Horseshoe Lake, Greeley, Latham Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Steve Larson, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy, light rain, turning partly cloudy; wind variable 0-10 MPH; 50-73°). 210 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 11 hours. (101 species, 21962 individuals).

22, Sunday. Windsor Lake & Fairmount Cemetery (WF). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Ila Clark, Virginia Edens, Tim & Terry Maguire, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy, moderate rain, partial clearing; 35-40°). 3 miles on foot. 3 hours (42 species, 296 individuals).

28, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers (part time): Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Sky obscured by rain and snow; wind, NE, 10 MPH; 28-34°). 2 miles on foot. 3½ hours. (32 species, 488 individuals).

29, Sunday. Leader: Jack Reddall. Trip Cancelled Because Of Weather.

SEPTEMBER AREA (HABITAT)	1985 FALL COUNT														20 CCR PLN	21 FH PLN	21 NCCO PLFH	22 WF PL	28 WGB PLN
	2 RIG PLN	6-7 CMGCO PLAIN	7 RR FH	7 BCPK PLNS	7 CH PL	7 WTR PLN	8 BARR PLNS	8 BPV PLN	8 CCR PLN	8 CWC FHL	FALL CNT TOTL	14 CSP PLN	15 LOLV PLNS	20 CCR PLN					
Common Loon				2							2						1		
Pied-billed Grebe	1	8		13	7	6	12	1	1		40	3	2	3			7	2	4
Horned Grebe				1							1		5				1		
Hared Grebe	2													27			20	1	
Western Grebe		300		4	9		250		41		304	10	400	30			3500		
Clark's Grebe		1					3				3		2				1		
American White Pelican		325					8	22			30						300		
Double-crested Cormorant		350		103	22		36	1			162	36	6	17			15		
American Bittern													1						
Great Blue Heron		15		15	8	1	27	1	3		55	10	17	26			15		
Great Egret							2				2								
Snowy Egret		7					1				1		8						
Cattle Egret													1				25		
Black-crowned Night Heron		4		3	1		8		3		15	1		1ad			2	1im	
White-faced Ibis													1						
Canada Goose		11		292	37		120	25	6		480	17	400	15			800		170
Wood Duck		1m16			6						6	3							
Green-winged Teal	20	5		81	64		150	9			304	40	20	20			30		3
Mallard	300	85		83	23	12	13	110	79		320	40	50	80	8		750	10	15
Northern Pintail	10	40						20			20			1			5		
Blue-winged Teal	50	75		2	1		8	1	18		30			140			125		
Cinnamon Teal					2		1				3								
Blue-winged Teal Species				25	35		18				78	12	50						
Northern Shoveler	4	30		16	1			10			27			150			5		
Radwall		10		5			2	50			57	6		5			2		50
American Wigeon	4	2		509				75			584	2		35			500		
Redhead				153			5				158			4			15	9	

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Ring-necked Duck																		
Lesser Scaup																		
Duck sp.							1000	250			1250							16e
Common Merganser				8	7						15							
Ruddy Duck		4							1		1			400		20	2	
Turkey Vulture							1			14	15		5	2		2		
Osprey		1										1		1				
Northern Harrier	6	16e					2				2			26e		16e		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1ad			1		1				2	1		2ad	1			
Cooper's Hawk					1	1					2		1		1			
Broad-winged Hawk																	1i	
Swainson's Hawk	7	8		5		2	3	22	1		33		1			6		
Red-tailed Hawk					3	5		1		2	11	1	1					
"Western" races	3	4												3	2	4		
Ferruginous Hawk						1					1	1				1ad		
Golden Eagle				1							1				1			
American Kestrel	1	9	2	5	3	4	6	2	2	1	25		4	2	2	20	1	
Merlin		1(R)														1(B)		
Prairie Falcon	1			1	1	1		1			4		1		1	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	4							10		10			10				
Virginia Rail						1		1			2			6-H				
Sora								4	2		6			1-H				
American Coot	1	110		1000	8		73	38	3		1122	6	20	200		400	4	2
Black-bellied Plover		1																
Semipalmated Plover		2		1							1		1			1		
Killdeer	14	100		43	35		105	35	2	6	226	2	76			20		
American Avocet																1		
Greater Yellowlegs		2					2				2					1		
Lesser Yellowlegs	50	5			20		54	29			103	2	2			70		
Solitary Sandpiper	4			2	1		5				8							
Spotted Sandpiper		4				3	1				4	3	3					
Marbled Godwit		7										1						
Red Knot		3																
Sanderling		4														10		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		2			3						3							
Western Sandpiper					1		1				2	2						
Least Sandpiper		12																
Baird's Sandpiper		100		13	12		3	2			30	3	5			25		
Pectoral Sandpiper		1														20		
Dunlin		1																
Stilt Sandpiper					5						5							
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	4														3		
Common Snipe	1	1			1			2	3		6			17				
Wilson's Phalarope	12	2			1		10				11							
Parasitic Jaeger					1i						1im							
Franklin's Gull		1500		1040	6		170	100			1376	186	1200	1		9000		
Ring-billed Gull		150		611	31	1	44	50	161		898	52	800	85		500	6	16
California Gull		20		1308	15		18	15	30		1386	25	2	50		20	4	
Herring Gull												1						
Sabine's Gull																2im		
Gull sp.								100			100							
Common Tern		4												1		7		
Forster's Tern					3		1				4	1		2		10		
Black Tern		5			3		7				10			4		10		
Rock Dove	9	2		102	2		5	24	1		134	2	8	20	12	30	2	20
Band-tailed Pigeon															4			

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Mourning Dove	100	70	2	22	12	12	90	20	12	30	200	6	4	15	25	7	5	1
Common Barn-Owl							1				1							
Eastern Screech-Owl		1-H																
Great Horned Owl	3	1ad		1	1		2	1			5			1ad				
Burrowing Owl					3				6		9	1		1				
Common Nighthawk		1																
Common Poorwill	1RK																	
Chimney Swift																	1	
White-throated Swift						9					9		30					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird										2	2				16	3		
Belted Kingfisher		3		6	8	1	1		1		17	4	1	1ma		1	2	1
Lewis' Woodpecker										1	1							
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	2																
Red-naped Sapsucker				2							2		1		3			
Williamson's Sapsucker				1							1							
Downy Woodpecker	2			2	2	4	7			3	18	1				1		
"Batchelder's" race		16e																
eastern races		2												2				
Hairy Woodpecker			1	2	1		1				5				2	1		
Northern Flicker																		
"Red-shafted" race	1	4	8	18	10	7	3	1	6	10	63	3	7	14	4	8	6	15
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1											1						
Western Wood-Pewee	8	3		6	2	5	4				17	3		2		2		
Least Flycatcher		4																
Hammond's Flycatcher														1		2	1	
Dusky Flycatcher																	1	
"empidonax" sp.			1							1	2		3		3	2		
Western Flycatcher	1			1			1				2	1		2	4	1		1
Eastern Phoebe		1																
Say's Phoebe	12	1												1				
Western Kingbird	10	45		9	8	33	3	2	2	1	58	6	1	4		1		
Eastern Kingbird		4																
Horned Lark	50	400			14	1		5			20					3		
Tree Swallow						15					15							
Violet-green Swallow						25					25							
No. Rough-winged Swallow					1						1							
Bank Swallow		1																
Cliff Swallow					1			2	136		139				2			
Barn Swallow	50	400	2	24	25	105	70	255	6	12	499	6	100	500	1	600	3	40
Swallow sp.						30					30							
Steller's Jay			1			5				2	8				13	10		
Blue Jay		7							2		2		2	5	6	8	2	
Scrub Jay			15			11				6	32				2			
Black-billed Magpie	15	35	9	54	60	46	31	11	35	20	266	19	3	110	1	25	21	30
American Crow		2		2		7				2	11		1	1	5	5		
Common Raven				2	1	2				2	7				3	1		
Black-capped Chickadee		7	9	36	22	16	28		6	10	127	10	4	6	3	6	12	15
Mountain Chickadee			2			1				2	5				14	2	4	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1					1				1				1		2	
White-breasted Nuthatch					1	1			1	3	6	2		2	4	2		2
Pygmy Nuthatch										12	12				18			
Brown Creeper																1		
Rock Wren	2		2		1		1			1	5			4	1	1	1	
House Wren	4	12	1	2	6	4	7			3	23	1		4			1	
Marsh Wren								1	1		2							
American Dipper																1		

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Golden-crowned Kinglet															2			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	1				2				3			2	1	1		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1			3					4			2				
Mountain Bluebird															10			
Townsend's Solitaire						1				2	3			2	3			
Swainson's Thrush	1												1					
American Robin	1	15	52	28	18	42	3	4	14	250	411	8	20	25	16	30	26	2
Gray Catbird	1	1		1		1					2		2	1				
Northern Mockingbird	2	1		1							1							
Sage Thrasher	1	2			1	1					2				4			
Brown Thrasher		3																
Water Pipit		1																
Cedar Waxwing						5					5	6		1im		2		
Loggerhead Shrike	5																	
European Starling	6	5000		252	62	8	200	200	80		802	12	100	100	7	2000	28	35
Solitary Vireo		1		2						1	3				2			
Warbling Vireo	1	2				12	4				16				2	1		
Philadelphia Vireo																1		
Red-eyed Vireo	1																	
Tennessee Warbler				1							1							
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	8		2			5				7			2		20	7	2
Nashville Warbler					1	1	1				3							
Virginia's Warbler				2	2	7					11							
Yellow Warbler	2	2		2	2				1		5				1			
Black-throated Blue Warbler																1fe		
Yellow-rumped Warbler																		
"Audubon's" race		4	2	5			3				10			16	7	15	12	20
Townsend's Warbler		1							1		1			2			1	1ma
Black-and-white Warbler						1					1							
American Redstart	1																	
MacGillivray's Warbler		2					1	1			2			1			1	
Common Yellowthroat		5		4				6	3		13			15				
Hooded Warbler																	1fe	
Wilson's Warbler	10	80	4	9		15	24		6	1	59			65	5	20	28	6
Yellow-breasted Chat												1						
Western Tanager		1		4		11	1			2	18	3		1ma	1	4		
Black-headed Grosbeak		1		3	1	1					5				1i			
Blue Grosbeak							2				2							
Lazuli Bunting		1		2		5					7			1				
Green-tailed Towhee		1		1	1		3				5	1		2	5	2		
Rufous-sided Towhee			13		2	5				2	22	5	2	1ma	2	8	1	
Cassin's Sparrow	1																	
Chipping Sparrow	20	125		7	13	5	6	19	2	12	64		20	75	10	25	6	
Clay-colored Sparrow	25	20						1			1			10		3		
Brewer's Sparrow	40	25			1	2					3	3		1		2		
Field Sparrow								1			1							
Spizella sp.							21	40			61							
Vesper Sparrow	17	50		27	2	12	3	20		50	114	4	2	50	8	1		
Lark Sparrow	15	5			1	2		4		1	18	1		3				
Lark Bunting	400	1																
Savannah Sparrow	2	1												1				
Song Sparrow				6	4	3					13	7		20	2		1	2
Lincoln's Sparrow		1		1							1			1	1		1	1
White-crowned Sparrow		1im												10	19	1	3	5

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	1985 FALL COUNT																	
	2 RIG PLN	6-7 CMGCO PLAIN	7 RR FH	7 BCPK PLNS	7 CH PL	7 WTR PLN	8 BARR PLNS	8 BPV PLN	8 CCR PLN	8 CWC FHL	FALL CNT TOTL	14 CSP PLN	15 LOLY PLNS	20 CCR PLN	21 FH FH	21 NCCO PLFH	22 WF PL	28 WGB PLN
Dark-eyed Junco			2								2							
"Oregon" race		1												4	1			
"Gray-headed" race				1						4	5				18	4		
Red-winged Blackbird	1	15000		97	67		3	175	83	2	427	10	400	120		2000	15	12
Western Meadowlark	10	80	5	59	12	13	2	20	38	20	169	7	20	55	15	45		
Yellow-headed Blackbird		100		1	4			25	2		32		1000	150		400		
Brewer's Blackbird		7		4	75				10		89	11	30	45	2	200		1
Common Grackle	1	2000		20			60	5	30		115		1	10		15	3	
Brown-headed Cowbird	12	10				2					2					1		
Orchard Oriole		1																
Northern Oriole																		
"Bullock's" race	1				1			1	1		3							
Pine Grosbeak															16			
House Finch		1	2	44	15	12			59	30	162	5		45	4	30	30	10
Red Crossbill																1		
Pine Siskin					4	2				20	26	1			9	1		
Lesser Goldfinch			1			16				8	25	1			7			
American Goldfinch		5		15	75	6	16	2		300	414	46		7	7	10	1	
Evening Grosbeak			2								2				1	10		3
House Sparrow	100	125		2			2	130	30	12	176		40	80		100	25	
TOTAL SPECIES - 198	65	114	24	75	76	59	71	52	45	40	143	61	54	91	56	101	42	32

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; female=fe, f; adult=ad, a; immature=im, i; plains=PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, PL; foothills=FHL, FH; "Richardson's" race=R; "Bendire's" race=B; heard only=H; road kill=RK.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1985 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

TWO NEW SPECIES ADDED TO COLORADO STATE LIST DURING SEPTEMBER!!!

Two species never recorded before in Colorado were found in the state during the month of September which brings the State List up to a total of 441 species (this includes the recent splits of Clark's Grebe and Red-naped Sapsucker). On September 16 a Magnificent Frigatebird was killed at Green Mountain Reservoir in Eagle County after attacking a windsurfer! A few days earlier, two sharp-eyed observers saw unquestionably the same bird (an adult female) soaring between Chatfield Reservoir and the Hogback. While this is a very unusual inland occurrence for a normally pelagic bird, surrounding states (Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona) have verified and documented reports of Magnificent Frigatebirds.

On September 10, an adult Henslow's Sparrow was found along the intake canal at Jackson Reservoir in Morgan County by Laurens Halsey, Wade Leitner and Jack Reddall. Detailed written documentation was independently prepared by each observer.

Common Loon 9-28 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (WL, JR); 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR).

Olivaceous Cormorant 9-6 (1 adult) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB, MJ). Most likely the same bird seen and reported from this area during July & August (JR).

Great Egret 9-10 (2) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (LH, WL, JR); 9-21 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (LH, DW, JW).

Tricolored Heron 9-8 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (DB, JC). Details provided by JC.

Cattle Egret 9-7 (80) Latham Reservoir (DB, BP); 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

White-faced Ibis 9-16 (3) & 9-17 (3) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (JR).

Snow Goose ("White" form) 9-16 (1 adult) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JR).

Canvasback 9-30 (6) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

- Osprey 9-4 (1) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson Co. (BR); 9-10 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (LH, WL, JR); 9-21 (4) Bonny Reservoir (LH, DW, JW); 9-21 (2) Chatfield S.P. (AH); 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
- Red-shouldered Hawk 9-29 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL). Details provided.
- Broad-winged Hawk 9-21 (2) Bonny Reservoir (LH, WL, DW, JW).
- Merlin ("Richardson's" race) 9-21 (1) Bonny Reservoir (LH, DW, JW).
- Peregrine Falcon 9-1 (2) Comanche National Grassland, Baca Co. (DK, SK); 9-15 (1 immature) Chatfield S.P. (DS); 9-28 (1 adult) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (BR).
- Wild Turkey 9-1 (2 adults, 4 immatures) Carrizo Canyon, Baca Co. (DK, SK); 9-27 (19) Bonny Reservoir (DB).
- Northern Bobwhite 9-14 (25) South Platte River at Orchard Rd., Morgan Co. (DW, JW).
- Scaled Quail 9-1 (3 covies of 12-20) south of Las Animas, Bent Co. (BG, NG).
- Lesser Golden-Plover 9-7 (10) Jackson Reservoir (LH, PL, WL, DW, JW).
- Willet 9-15 (2) Latham Reservoir (JC); 9-16 (1) & 9-17 (1) Red Lion SWA (JR).
- Long-billed Curlew 9-15 (1) Latham Reservoir (JC).
- Ruddy Turnstone 9-11 (1, winter plumage) Chatfield S.P. (DN, DS).
- Dunlin 9-7 (1) Cherau Lake, Otero Co. (BG, NG).
- Short-billed Dowitcher 9-4 (1 juvenal) Chatfield S.P. (BR). No details.
- Red-necked Phalarope 9-1 (2) unnamed lake east of Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BG, NG); 9-10 (9) intermittent pond, Tower Rd. at 104th Ave., Adams Co. (LH, WL, JR); 9-12 (100+) Latham Reservoir (JC); 9-16 (85) Red Lion SWA (JR).
- Pomarine Jaeger 9-16 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL). Details provided.
- Parasitic Jaeger 9-4 (1 immature) CF&T Lakes, Pueblo Co. (DB)-No details; 9-6 (1 immature) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgewick Co. (DB, MJ)-No details; 9-9 (1 immature) Chatfield S.P.-same bird as seen on 9-7 on Fall Count-written details submitted (HK, JR), color photographs obtained (HH); 9-24 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL)-details submitted; 9-26 (1 immature, dark phase, 3rd year-?) Cherry Creek Reservoir (LH, DW)-no details.
- Sabine's Gull 9-19 (1 juvenal) Chatfield S.P. (DS, DW); 9-21 (2 immatures) Prewitt Reservoir (DB); 9-24 (1 immature) Union Reservoir (DW, JW).
- Common Tern - Numerous reports from several observers from eastern counties (Chatfield S.P., Bonny Reservoir, Union Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Baseline Reservoir, Empire Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir).
- Black-billed Cuckoo 9-7 (1) South Platte River near Greeley, Weld Co. (JC).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo 9-1 (1) Carrizo Canyon (DK, SK); 9-7 (1) South Platte River at Orchard Rd. (DW, JW).
- Greater Roadrunner 9-1 (1) Carrizo Canyon (DK, SK).
- Short-eared Owl 9-17 (1) 1748 S Van Gordon Ct., Lakewood (DS).
- Common Nighthawk 9-16 (1) Jumbo Reservoir (JR); 9-24 (1) Boulder (SL).
- Whip-poor-will 9-21 (1 female) wind break at Foster's Grove campground, Bonny Reservoir (WL)-good details provided.
- Chimney Swift 9-24 (1) Marshall, Boulder Co. (DW).
- Red-headed Woodpecker 9-10 (1) Colo. Hwy. 144 at Colo. Rd. 6.7, Morgan Co. (LH, WL, JR).
- Red-naped Sapsucker 9-19 (3 males) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale Weld Co. (JW).
- Williamson's Sapsucker 9-19 (1 female) Crow Valley Campground (JW).
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker 9-1 (1) south of Sugar City, Crowley Co. (BG, NG).
- Least Flycatcher 9-16 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JR).
- Ash-throated Flycatcher 9-1 (2) Carrizo Canyon (DK, SK).
- Cassin's Kingbird 9-1 (15) Comanche National Grassland (DK, SK); 9-14 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC); 9-17 (2) Jumbo Reservoir (JR).
- Eastern Kingbird 9-16 (1) Red Lion SWA (JR).
- Pinyon Jay 9-1 (11) Carrizo Canyon (DK, SK); 9-13 (30) flying over Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir (DB); 9-18 (6) Golden, Jefferson Co. (DW); 9-27 (150+) Great Sand Dunes National Monument (BR). This may be one of those years when Pinyon Jays spread out over the eastern plains as 30 were also seen on 10-5 at Prewitt Reservoir (WL, JR).
- Bewick's Wren 9-10 (1) Jackson Reservoir (LH, WL, JR). This is the second report from northeastern Colorado in as many months.
- Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-28 (1) So. Republican River, Yuma Co. (DB); Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca Co. (DB).

Eastern Bluebird 9-21 (25) Bonny Reservoir (WL).
Hermit Thrush 9-16 (2) near Phillipsburg (Critchell), Jefferson Co. (AH).
Gray Catbird 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Solitary Vireo ("Cassin's" race) 9-7 (1) Frank Easement, Windsor, Weld Co. (JC); 9-16 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JR); 9-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Blue-winged Warbler 9-10 (1) Chatfield S.P. (BR)-no details.
Tennessee Warbler 9-12 (1) 1748 So. Van Gordon Ct., Lakewood (DS).
Nashville Warbler 9-3 (1 adult) Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir (DB).
Northern Parula 9-21 (1 immature) Bonny Reservoir (LH, DW, JW).
Townsend's Warbler - Many reports throughout the month from eastern part of state. Good year for this species this Fall migration.
Black-throated Green Warbler 9-9 (1 female) Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir (DB)-no details.
Blackburnian Warbler 9-30 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DB)-no details.
Yellow-throated Warbler 9-20 (1) Boulder (SL)-details provided.
Black-and-white Warbler 9-24 (1) Nature Area, Cherry Creek Reservoir (DB).
American Redstart 9-1 thru 9-4 (1 female) 1748 So. Van Gordon Ct., Lakewood (DS); 9-16 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JR); 9-21 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
MacGillivray's Warbler 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
Hooded Warbler 9-15 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BS)-details provided. This bird was still present on 10-1 and has been seen by several people.
Blue Grosbeak 9-14 (2 immature males) Chatfield S.P. (BS).
Cassin's Sparrow 9-1 (30) Comanche National Grassland, Baca Co. (DK, SK).
Field Sparrow 9-19 (1 adult-"eastern" race) Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (JW); 9-21 (2 immatures-"western" race) Bonny Reservoir (LH, DW, JW); 9-21 (4, "eastern" race), Bonny Reservoir (WL).
Lark Bunting 9-17 (1) Jumbo Reservoir (JR).

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ADDITIONAL REPORT:

Whooping Crane 9-25 thru 9-29 (1 adult) near Severance, Weld Co. No specific dates given (1) near Hudson, Weld Co. According to newspaper articles supplied by Jerry Cairo (who observed the Severance bird) both birds are from the experimental Idaho flock which means both birds were badly off course.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 1985:

NOVEMBER 2, Saturday. Pawnee Grasslands, Reservoir enroute. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 AM at North lot, Museum of Natural History (IMAX).*

3, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 AM at the West Gate CCRA.*

NOVEMBER 17, Sunday. Bear Creek - Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center., Southwest of May D&F - at Sheridan and Hampden Ave.*

23, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Carpool at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Southwest of May D&F, Sheridan & Hampden. Meet at 8:00 AM at Deer Creek Picnic Area in the park.*

24, Sunday. Northwest Denver Lakes. Leaders: Don & Diana Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 8:00 AM at Sloan's Lake, 25th & Sheridan.*

30, Saturday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at 7:15 AM at South lot Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th & Wadsworth. Meet leader at 8:00 AM at International Pancake House, Baseline & Hwy. 93 in Boulder.*

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NOTICES

The Douglas Co. Christmas Bird Count will be held on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1985. This count, now in its fourth year, includes Roxborough State Park, Sedalia, Jarre Canyon, Castle Rock, Jackson Creek and Perry Park. After the count, participants are invited to a compilation/chili supper. For more information, interested birders should call Susie Trumble, Roxborough State Park, at 797-3986; Ben Moore at 369-8041; or Kris Joy at 688-4793.

The Colorado Field Ornithologists are conducting a Gull ID Clinic on Saturday, November 23, at 8:00 AM. The Fee is \$7.00 for non-CFO members, and \$5.00 for CFO members. Contact Charles Chase for further information (370-6353).



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OCTOBER 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- OCTOBER 1, Tuesday. Northeastern Colorado: Orchard, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Weldona (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Early fog & haze, becoming clear; wind, S, 0-10 MPH; 27-68°). 224 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 11½ hours. (88 species, 11,761 individuals).
- 5, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir, Sterling (cemetery), North Sterling Reservoir, Union Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind variable, 0-10 MPH; 30-65°). 410 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13½ hours. (85 individuals, 17,134 individuals).
- 5, Saturday. Pueblo, Lake Minnequa, CF&I Lakes, Red Creek Road (PUEB). Leaders: Dave Silverman & Dave Johnson. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Mary Coffee, Hazel Kellogg, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; wind calm; 45-70°). 70 miles by

OCTOBER 5, (cont.) car, 1 mile on foot. 7½ hours. (78 species, 5580 individuals).

- 6, Sunday. Colorado City area to Rye (CYR). Leaders: Dave Silverman & Dave Johnson. Observers: David & Margaret Barber, Ruth Breckon, Mary Coffee, Hazel Kellogg, Clara King, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; wind calm; 50-72°). 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (56 species, 751 individuals).
- 11-13, Friday through Sunday. Monterey, California. Leader: Bob Righter. Participants: Dan Bridges, Kathy Hawkins, Virginia Bleck, Patty Echelmeyer, Ray Olson. (107 species, including: 4 Shearwater species, 27 shorebird species, 7 gull species, 3 Alcids). Highlight: 40-50 Buller's Shearwaters.
- 12, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Hazel Kellogg, C.W. Kelly, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Claude Vallieres, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 45-70°). 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (70 species, 3851 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Fort Morgan, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir (including "Pelican Refuges"), Orchard, Hudson, Union Reservoir (NECOL). Observers: Jerry Cairo, Larry Halsey, Wade & Pat Leitner, Jack Reddall, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Clear; wind variable, 0-10 MPH; 38-65°). 295 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 12½ hours. (101 species, 53,549 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Roxborough Park (RPK). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ron Carter, Ralph Ehret, Kristin Joy. (Cloudy, light rain and snow; wind, NW, 5-10 MPH). 2.75 hours. (12 species, 162 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Bear Creek - plains to foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Virginia Edens, Dick Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Jean Maguire, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Ben Moore, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind light; 65°). 25 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 7½ hours. (34 species, 192 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Denver to Bonny Reservoir (Yuma Co.) and return (BONY). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind variable, 0-5 MPH; 35-75°). 365 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours. (91 species, 14,411 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Bill Brockner, Marta Deutman, Randy Lentz, Ed McConkey, Don & Jo Shrode. (Clear; wind calm; 30-70°). 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours. (38 species, 609 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Phil Hayes, Ethel & Jack Humphries, Dieter Kamm, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Thompson Marsh, Jean Maguire, Tim Showalter, Bob Spencer, Don & Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; 41-72°). 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours. (35 species, 830 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Boulder area: Chataqua Park, Boulder Creek (CU campus), Baseline Reservoir, Walden Pond, Union Reservoir (BOULDER). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Dan Bridges, Marta Deutman, Marcia Grove, Bob Jickling, Randy Lentz, Keirn Roach, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe & Norma Shwed, Mort Staatz, Marge Sweiss. (Clear; wind calm; 48-72°). 45 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7½ hours. (51 species, 2856 individuals).

OCTOBER	1	5	5	6	12	12	13	19	19	20	26	27	
AREA	NECO	NECO	PUEB	CYR	BARR	NECOL	RPK	BC	BONY	CSP	WGB	BOW	LDER
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	P/F	PLNS	PLAIN	FHL	PF	PLNS	PLN	PLN	FH	PLNS
Red-throated Loon						1							
Pacific Loon									1				
Common Loon						1			5	1			
Pied-billed Grebe	8	2	1	10	15	20		3	4		3		6
Horned Grebe		40				7			6	1			47
Eared Grebe	3	30	1	5	10	15			35	1			32
Western Grebe	800	4200	32		110	3300			250	14			150
Clark's Grebe		1											
American White Pelican	51	1050	1		70	300			1				
Double-crested Cormorant	3500	3100			95	2575			20	14			1
Great Blue Heron	8	7	8	1	5	2			1	3			
Snowy Egret	1												
Snow Goose													
"White" form		1ad		1									
Canada Goose	10	750	7	1	75	3		17	10	27	350		65
Wood Duck						4							
Green-winged Teal	5	10		1	20	10			2		5		8
Mallard	70	300	2		150	100		12	5000	17	35		50
Northern Pintail	1	40			20	75			1ma	3			52
Blue-winged Teal	50		8	2	8	3							
Northern Shoveler		25	12		10	10				143			6
Gadwall	45	85	6	27	300	65		4	150	4	26		180
American Wigeon	16	50	126	80	25	50		1	300	2	6		1000
Canvasback		25	15						20				6
Redhead		100	34	5	15	10			400	5	5		120
Ring-necked Duck		8		5	6				25				200
Greater Scaup						1fe							
Lesser Scaup		2fe	12		6				60				25
Bufflehead			2		2fe	1m1f			3fe	13	3		6
Hooded Merganser						1im							2
Common Merganser						1im							
Ruddy Duck	120	400	225	28	1	2			2500	19			50
Turkey Vulture			1	4									
Osprey			1										
Northern Harrier	5f1i	1f1i	2		7	1f1i			6	2			1fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2ad					2ad						1	
Cooper's Hawk							2		1ad				
Broad-winged Hawk									1				
Swainson's Hawk	3				2								
Red-tailed Hawk					4								
"Western" races	9	17	11	3		4a1i		4	8	3			2
"Harlan's" race									1				
Ferruginous Hawk		1ad	2	2		1			2ad				
Rough-legged Hawk									3				
Golden Eagle					1								
American Kestrel	12	3	2	3	5	8		4	3		1		3
Prairie Falcon	1			1	1	2			1				
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	2			4	2			5				

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Killdeer	35	65	18	11	2	90			1		2		
American Avocet		1			8	1			12				
Greater Yellowlegs	1	1			20	2							
Lesser Yellowlegs	6	4			14	1							
Solitary Sandpiper	1	1				1							
Red Knot						3							
Sanderling	8	6											
Least Sandpiper			2										
Baird's Sandpiper	4	150				25			3				
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	9				3			1				
Long-billed Dowitcher		12			80	19							
Common Snipe	8		1					4			4		
Red-necked Phalarope					6								
Franklin's Gull	45	3000	50		250	4000				1			
Bonaparte's Gull						4ad			1				
Ring-billed Gull	300	2150	26	2	75	2500		13	200	91	21		255
California Gull	20	75				300			30				
Herring Gull	1im					1im							
Sabine's Gull						1im							
Common Tern			1										
Forster's Tern	4		2						2				
Rock Dove	5	35	6		10	2	2	2	25		31	2	7
Mourning Dove	30	4	4	4	1	1	2	1	1				
Great Horned Owl	3ad	1ad			2	3ad			5ad	1	1		
Burrowing Owl		2				3			1				
Long-eared Owl									1				
Short-eared Owl						1			1				
Belted Kingfisher	2		3		2	1		3	2	2			
Lewis' Woodpecker				1									
Red-headed Woodpecker						1							
Red-bellied Woodpecker									3ma				
Downy Woodpecker			1		8					1	1	1	1
"Batchelder's " race								1					
eastern races	4	2		2		1fe		1	6				
Hairy Woodpecker					1			1					
eastern races		2				1ma			3				
Northern Flicker		15	3	7		15			25				
"Red-shafted" race	20				7		3	8		5	20	4	6
Dusky Flycatcher	1												
Empidonax sp.		1											
Say's Phoebe			2										
Cassin's Kingbird			1										
Western Kingbird	1		1										
Horned Lark	145	35	9		20	150			150				
Violet-green Swallow						1							
Barn Swallow	200	3	2		1								
Steller's Jay				1			1	2				10	
Blue Jay	10	1			9	10			16	1	3		
Scrub Jay				6			2						
Pinyon Jay		30				4							
Black-billed Magpie	20	11	12	17	30	25	13	15	15	7	25	6	11
American Crow			1	1	1			1	4				4
Common Raven			1										
Black-capped Chickadee	7	8	2	2	8	12	5	21	35	16	4		4
Mountain Chickadee			5	5							6	5	4
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	1				2				1			

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White-breasted Nuthatch			6	7					2	2	3	2	
Pygmy Nuthatch				30					1				
Brown Creeper		2			1-H			2	1	1	2	2	5
Rock Wren	1	2	2		2	1							
Bewick's Wren			1-H										
House Wren	2			1		1							
Sedge Wren									1				
Marsh Wren			1-H										
American Dipper								2			5		1
Golden-crowned Kinglet									2				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	12	6		1	4	3			4		2		
Eastern Bluebird									1m16				
Mountain Bluebird	2ma		8	1	2		3						
Townsend's Solitaire	2	3	4	1		1	1						1
Veery									1				
Swainson's Thrush	1								1				
Hermit Thrush	1								1				
American Robin	190	35	50		10	100	127	6	50		2	15	3
Northern Mockingbird				1									
Sage Thrasher	1		1										
Water Pipit		1	45			3							
Cedar Waxwing									1im				
Loggerhead Shrike			1										
European Starling	1600	400	3008	1	100	1000		23	500	8	55	15	50
Solitary Vireo	1-C	1-C							1-C				
Red-eyed Vireo									1				
Tennessee Warbler						1ma							
Orange-crowned Warbler	8	5	3		2	2		1	3				
Nashville Warbler									1				
Cape May Warbler						1ife							
Yellow-rumped Warbler													
"Myrtle" race	7	5		3	5	15			5				
"Audubon's" race	55	60	5	9	40	40		6	20	3			2
Townsend's Warbler	1ma	2	1			16e							
Palm Warbler		1											
Bay-breasted Warbler			1										
American Redstart	1												
Common Yellowthroat		1				1							
Wilson's Warbler	20		10	2	1	2		1					
Western Tanager	1												
Black-headed Grosbeak													1
Lazuli Bunting				1									
Rufous-sided Towhee	4ma	1ma		1		1ma			2ma				
Brown Towhee			38										
American Tree Sparrow									5				5
Chipping Sparrow	100	30	1		1	25			20				
Clay-colored Sparrow	15	5				1			2				
Brewer's Sparrow	10		2	1					3				
Field Sparrow									4				
Vesper Sparrow	50		4			2							
Savannah Sparrow	4												
Song Sparrow	3	3		3	4	10		5	4	2	14		1
Lincoln's Sparrow	6	1				1			1				
White-throated Sparrow	1a1i	1ad				4			2ad				
White-crowned Sparrow	200	45	10	1	1	100	1		85		7		2
Harris' Sparrow		1im				3im			1im				
Dark-eyed Junco						10							

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"Slate-colored" race		2						1	15	1	1	1	1
"Oregon" race	20	23		1	6				60	1	9	1	8
"Gray-headed" race			1					3		2		8	
McCown's Longspur	50	10				16							
Red-winged Blackbird	1000	200	1	5	450	750		6	2100	49	85		1
Western Meadowlark	175	40	6	6	40	35			85				4
Yellow-headed Blackbird					4								
Brewer's Blackbird	2500		2	12		1500		2					
Common Grackle	30	100	30		60	36000							
Brown-headed Cowbird						1		2					
Purple Finch		1ima											
House Finch	5		18	20	10	15		3	1	1	7	20	5
Pine Siskin	2		9	21					25				2
Lesser Goldfinch				21									
American Goldfinch	5	35	9	4	5	3		3	5	3	65		
Evening Grosbeak				17				8				2	
House Sparrow	30	15	6	20	20	60			25		4	15	20
TOTAL SPECIES - 174	88	85	78	56	70	101	12	34	91	38	35	51	

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Adult=ad, a; Immature male=ima; Immature female=ife; Immature=im, i; Plains=PLNS, PLAIN, PLN, P; Foothills=FHL, FH, F; Heard only=H; Cassin's race=C; Found dead=D.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1985 REPORTS: (Jack Reddall, compiler)

Common Loon 10-9 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DW, JW).
 American Bittern 10-6 (1) Walden Pond, Boulder Co. (JW).
 Snowy Egret 10-9 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Cattle Egret 10-27 (1) Carbody Lake, Greeley, Weld Co. (JC).
 Green-backed Heron 10-12 (1 adult) Colorado Springs SWA, El Paso Co. (DB, RB, BM).
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 10-1 (25) 95th & Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (JW); 10-24 (13) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC); 10-31 (1 immature) Plum Creek delta, Chatfield State Park, Douglas Co. (DBr, BR, MZ).
 Ross' Goose 10-27 (1) small pond at County Line Road & County Rd. 1S, Alamosa Co. (KH) verbal details provided.
 Red-breasted Merganser 10-23 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 10-31 (10) Chatfield S.P. (I).
 Osprey 10-6 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (DW, JW).
 Cooper's Hawk 10-23 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Merlin 10-6 (1 female) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (DB, BM) - reported as F.c.columbarius which has never been taken in Colorado. Three Merlin races have occurred: F.c. richardsonii, F.c.bendii, F.c.suckleyi (one specimen).
 Northern Bobwhite 10-24 (1 male, 2 females) Leffler Wildlife Easement, Morgan Co. (JC).
 Sandhill Crane 10-26 (450) flying between Keenesburg and Watkins, Weld/Adams Cos. (BO, HO).
 Black-bellied Plover 10-9 (1) & 10-18 (6) Union Reservoir (DW, JW); 10-6 (5) CF&I Lakes (DB, BM) 10-24 (10) Latham Reservoir (JC); 10-27 (1) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (KH).
 Lesser Golden Plover 10-4 (1) Union Reservoir (DW, JW); 10-24 (7) Latham Reservoir (JC).
 Black-necked Stilt 10-27 (1) Monte Vista NWR (KH).
 American Avocet 10-27 (2) Monte Vista NWR (KH).
 Ruddy Turnstone 10-1 (1, winter plumage) Latham Reservoir (JC) - no details.
 Red Knot 10-4 (1) & 10-9 (1) Union Reservoir (DW, JW).
 Sanderling 10-6 (1, winter plumage) CF&I Lakes (DB, BM).
 Least Sandpiper 10-26 (16) Windsor Lake, Weld Co. (JC).
 Dunlin 10-19 (1) farm pond at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 (DN, DS).
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper 10-1 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir (JC) - no details.
 Long-billed Dowitcher 10-25 (4) farm pond at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 (JR); 10-27 (12) Monte Vista NWR (KH); 10-28 (1*) small pond at County Line Rd. & Rio Grande Co. Rd. 1S (KH).
 Red-necked Phalarope 10-3 (2, winter plumage) Latham Reservoir (JC).

- Pomarine Jaeger 10-5 (1, light phase adult) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (LH, DW, JW) - written details submitted.
- Bonaparte's Gull 10-6 (1 adult, 1 immature) & 10-9 (1 adult, 1 immature) Union Reservoir (DW, JW); 10-12 (1, winter adult) Big Johnson Reservoir, El Paso Co. (DB, RB, BM); 10-18 (1 adult, 1 immature) Union Reservoir (DW, JW).
- Sabine's Gull 10-4 (4), 10-6 (2), 10-9 (2) Union Reservoir (DW, JW).
- Common Tern 10-9 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).
- Common Nighthawk 10-6 (1) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
- Common Poorwill 10-2 (1) Plains Conservation Center, Arapahoe Co. (VE).
- Lewis' Woodpecker 10-3 (1) Boulder Creek, CU campus, Boulder (WL, JR).
- Western Flycatcher 10-23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
- Say's Phoebe 10-14 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
- Pinyon Jay 10-5 (5) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (LH, DW, JW); 10-26 (300) & 10-27 (300) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (PR).
- Rock Wren 10-25 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JR).
- Bewick's Wren 10-5 (1) S. Platte River at Orchard Rd., Morgan Co. (LH, DW, JW).
- Marsh Wren 10-26 (4) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (KH); 10-27 (2) Monte Vista NWR (KH).
- Eastern Bluebird 10-5 (3) Plains Conservation Center (VE, BMO).
- Gray Catbird 10-9 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
- Sage Thrasher 10-2 (4) Plains Conservation Center (VE); 10-5 (2) Plains Conservation Center (VE, BM); 10-5 (1) near Windsor, Weld Co. (JC).
- Curve-billed Thrasher 10-5 (1) Jackson Reservoir (LH, DW, JW).
- Water Pipit 10-6 (5) CF&I Lakes (DB, BM); 10-19 (150) Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuge", Morgan Co. (JC).
- Northern Shrike 10-13 (1 immature) Oklahoma Lake near Windsor, Weld Co. (JC); 10-25 (1 adult) Orchard, Morgan Co. (JR); 10-31 (1) Plum Creek delta, Chatfield S.P. (DBr, BR, MZ).
- Solitary Vireo (V.s.cassinii) 10-9 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL, JR).
- Philadelphia Vireo 10-9 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL, JR) - written details; 10-19 (1) Muir Springs Park (DB, DBr, JC, DN, DS) - written details submitted by JC, DS.
- Nashville Warbler 10-9 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL, JR).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler 10-4 (1 male) Boulder Creek, CU campus (DW, JW); 10-5 (1, fall plumage) Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (DB, BM, EW); 10-12 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WF, WL, DS); 10-15 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL); 10-21 (1 immature) Chatfield S.P., Jefferson Co. (WL, JR).
- Magnolia Warbler 10-11 through 10-16 (1) Boulder Creek, CU campus (DW, JW); 10-15 (1 immature male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL, JR).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-8 (1 male, 1 female) Colorado Springs (DB, BM, DR).
- Black-throated Gray Warbler 10-10 (1) campus, Colorado School of Mines, Jefferson Co. (DW).
- Townsend's Warbler 10-5 (2) Colorado Springs (DB, BM); 10-10 (4) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (JW); 10-14 (1) Boulder Creek, CU campus (DW, JW).
- Black-throated Green Warbler 10-5 (1) Muir Springs Park (LH, DW, JW); 10-20 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (DBr); 10-27 (1) Boulder Creek, CU campus (LH, DW) - written details submitted.
- Blackburnian Warbler 10-18 (1 female) Varsity Pond, CU campus (TJ) - no details.
- Pine Warbler 10-1 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (MJS) - verbal details provided; 10-20 (1 immature) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (DBr) - written details submitted.
- Prairie Warbler 10-9 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL, JR) - written details by JR; 10-12 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WF, DS) - same bird? no details.
- Bay-breasted Warbler 10-9 through 10-14 (2) Boulder Creek, CU campus (LH, DW, JW) - written details.
- Blackpoll Warbler 10-12 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS) - written details submitted, no mention of leg and foot color.
- Black-headed Grosbeak 10-3 (1) Boulder Creek, CU campus (JR).
- Green-tailed Towhee 10-5 (1) Plains Conservation Center (VE, BMO).
- American Tree Sparrow 10-5 (1) Muir Springs Park (LH, DW, JW).
- Field Sparrow 10-5 (2) Muir Springs Park (LH, DW, JW).
- Sage Sparrow 10-2 (2) Plains Conservation Center (VE) - no details.
- Fox Sparrow (P.i.zaboria) 10-19 (1) Muir Springs Park (DB). A Birder's Guide to Eastern Colorado (Lane & Holt - 1979) makes reference to an "Eastern sub-species" on page 111. Actually only two races have occurred in Colorado - P.i.schistacea, a darkish, blotchy race that breeds in willow streams in the high country, and P.i.zaboria, a brightly colored race that breeds in Northwestern North America (Alaska and Western Canada) and occurs rarely as a straggler on the eastern high plains.

Swamp Sparrow 10-6 (1) CF&I Lakes (DB, BM).

Dark-eyed Junco ("White-winged" race) 10-25 (1) Muir Springs Park (JR).

Yellow-headed Blackbird 10-26 (4) Monte Vista NWR (KH).

Great-tailed Grackle 10-27 (7 females/immatures) State Veteran's Home, Monte Vista, Rio Grande Co. (KH).

CORRECTION

The Yellow Rail heard calling and reported on the August 21 DFO Field Trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA should be deleted from the trip report. The bird was heard only, giving the seldom heard "kicker" call. Authorities on rails are in disagreement as to which bird gives the "kicker" call - Yellow Rail or Virginia Rail (see Bollinger & Bowes, 1973, American Birds, Vol. 27, No. 4, page 741). Therefore, the record should be disregarded (JR).

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INSTRUCTION FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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Englewood, CO 80111

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Thanks to Ralph Barnes for his generous contribution to the Rare Bird Alert!

Denver Field Ornithologists cloth patches are available for sale at meetings for \$2.50. The patches feature the DFO logo and are beautifully stitched in four colors. Thanks to Ruth Breckon for her efforts in making these available to the club.

Kathy Hawkins had her personal copy of the American Birds 1984 Christmas Count Edition removed from the back table at the November 5th meeting. Could the person who borrowed it please call Kathy at 757-0809 to arrange for its return.

Mary Fischer, former DFO member, died suddenly on September 10th in Grand Junction. Sympathy may be sent to Dick Fischer at 2200 Range View Ct., 81503. Contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy, 1244 Pine Street, Boulder, CO 80302.

Since there will be no December meeting, a Christmas Count Compilation Dinner will be held in its place at Wyatt's Cafeteria in the Bear Valley Shopping Center at 5:00 PM Saturday, December 21st.

RARE BIRD ALERT 759-1060

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1985: (submitted by Robert Spencer and Ruth Wheeler)

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:

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Englewood, CO 80111

2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.

3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.

4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc.).

5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.

6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DECEMBER 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at west gate at 7:30 AM.*

7, Saturday. Lakes Northwest of Denver. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 8:00 AM at Sloan's Lake, 25th & Sheridan.*

8, Sunday. Weld County Lakes. Leader: Jerry Cairo. Carpool at Denver Museum of Natural History, IMAX lot at 7:30 AM. Meet leader at 8:45 AM at the Jim Hamm Nature Area (this is on the west side of the Boulder-Weld County-line road, south of State HWY #66). To reach this area take I-25 north to Co. 66 (Lyons) exit, go west to County Line Rd., then south to Rd. 28 and area will then be on right.*

AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS

Sunday, Dec. 15, Boulder - Freeman Hall - 444-1453.

Sunday, Dec. 22, Evergreen - Karl Keiser - 674-0609.

Saturday, Dec. 28, Barr Lake - Bob Andrews - 492-6685
Judy Ward - 666-8985
(This count is tentative).

Sunday, Dec. 29, Douglas Co. - Susan Trumble - 797-3986
Ben Moore - 369-8041.

? Jan. ?, Bonny Reservoir - Bruce Bosley - 1-332-3240 or write 224 Elm, Wray, CO 80758.

Sunday, Jan. 5, Black Forest - Doug Larson - 693-7849.

LARK BUNTING CHRISTMAS COUNT SUPPLEMENT

(Prepared by Jack Reddall)

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT: Saturday, December 21, 1985

COUNT LEADERS: Virginia Edens (693-2631)
Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)

FEEDER COORDINATOR: Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center.

Please call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in counting in a particular area, or call Virginia Edens (693-2631) if you would like to help count in an area that needs additional participants. In addition, Area Leaders should contact Virginia Edens before the Count to indicate how many participants each has to assist in their respective areas.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PLEASE NOTE: In order to participate in the Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, you must pay a fee of \$2.00 as all participants taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees collected as directed by the National Audubon Society. These fees are necessary to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all Christmas Counts in American Birds which is rapidly approaching 1000 pages in size. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT A \$2.00 FEE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY OR NOT TAKE PART IN THE COUNT. Checks must be made payable to the National Audubon Society NOT THE DFO!

PRE-COUNTS: All Area Leaders are strongly encouraged to conduct Pre-Counts. Since days and times will vary for Pre-Counts, please contact an Area Leader if you desire to assist in a particular area. There is no fee charged for participation in a Pre-Count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Please contact Area Leaders for information as to meeting places and times for Count Day, December 21, 1985.

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. Red Rocks Park	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682*
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins 757-0809*
3. BowMar/Marston	Wade Leitner 699-7281
4A. Lower South Platte	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924*
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler 985-0579
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver 936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Doug Ward 666-8985*
7A. Middle South Platte	Laurens Halsey 530-1628
7B. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield State Park	Frank & Jan Justice 936-4547
9. Upper South Platte	David Martin 422-9143*
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Ken LaBorde 973-3548*
12. Yegge Peak	Dan Bridges 755-7665
13. Doublehead Mountain	Bob Righter 692-8529
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372*

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 642-7109
16. Upper Bear Creek	Cal Wichern 693-3718
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch	Alan Hay 422-0239*
18. Garrison Gate	Paul Rechel 688-6255
19. Morrison/Willow Brook	Carol Hack 777-7893
20. Willow Creek	Phil Hayes 232-7421*
21. Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs .	John Bregar 741-3941*
*-Will definitely schedule a Pre-Count	

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNTS - 1954 THROUGH 1984

(Jack Reddall, compiler)

YEAR	NUMBER OF SPECIES	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	NEW SPECIES ADDED*	PARTY HOURS	NUMBER OF PARTIES	NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	FEEDER WATCHERS
1954	80	11586	76	100	12	33	#
1955	83	10263	18	72	8	22	#
1956	86	5732	6	66	8	17	#
1957	84	9409	6	88	9	22	#
1958	79	8341	3	53	6	16	#
1959	73	5806	3	56	8	21	#
1960	74	5437	2	78	9	27	#
1961	78	4027	6	67	8	23	#
1962	80	8277	3	69	9	27	#
1963	79	6278	0	57	7	21	#
1964	79	8154	1	59	8	32	#
1965	90	10984	0	69	8	41	#
1966	86	8164	1	48	6	26	#
1967	92	13022	2	60	6	32	6
1968	93	13550	3	130	13	56	12
1969	92	12658	1	180	17	65	15
1970	100	14518	3	179	17	67	22
1971	104	16162	3	189	20	72	19
1972	95	17073	2	164	22	63	20
1973	107	23808	4	331	30	95	26
1974	107	20573	5	216	31	94	29
1975	106	20693	3	276	34	104	20
1976	106	24747	1	298	41	118	31
1977	113	29543	3	285	37	100	34
1978	102	16937	2	276	36	110	39
1979	98	26795	1	267	31	116	33
1980	101	21811	0	208	26	79	45
1981	110	33304	2	243	33	114	40
1982	103	27607	2	225	31	97	38
1983	93	26330	1	207	29	109	41
1984	99	30972	1	230	29	95	45
1985							

*-Based upon A.O.U. CHECK-LIST, 1983 (6th Edition).

#-Feeder Watchers did not officially participate until 1967.

SUMMARY OF SPECIES ACCOUNTS (1954-1984)

(Jack Reddall, compiler)

SPECIES	ADDED TO COUNT	NUMBER OF YEARS RECORDED		HIGHEST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COUNTED	
		No.	%	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
1. Red-throated Loon	1956	4	13	1	'56, '73, '77, '82
2. Pacific Loon	1981	2	6	3	'81
3. Common Loon	1970	6	19	5	'80
4. Yellow-billed Loon	1981	2	6	2	'82
5. Pied-billed Grebe	1954	20	65	92	'81
6. Horned Grebe	1956	7	23	4	'65
7. Eared Grebe	1974	4	13	6	'81
8. Western Grebe	1958	10	32	7	'82
9. Double-crested Cormorant	1976	6	19	4	'81
10. Great Blue Heron	1954	26	84	61	'77, '81
11. Tundra Swan	1954	7	23	9	'57
Mute Swan	ø1967	8	---	8	'68
12. Greater White-fronted Goose	1964	7	23	11	'73
13. Snow Goose ("White" form)	1958	10	32	8	'81
14. Ross' Goose	1977	2	6	6	'82
15. Canada Goose	1954	31	100	10428	'84
16. Wood Duck	1954	26	84	33	'67
17. Green-winged Teal	1954	31	100	151	'75
18. American Black Duck	1968	2	6	1	'68, '69
19. Mallard	1954	31	100	2928	'67
20. Northern Pintail	1954	31	100	180	'74
21. Blue-winged Teal	1974	2	6	2	'77
22. Northern Shoveler	1954	27	87	70	'77
23. Gadwall	1954	31	100	206	'57
24. American Wigeon	1954	31	100	603	'81
25. Canvasback	1954	22	71	53	'66
26. Redhead	1954	29	94	199	'57
27. Ring-necked Duck	1954	29	94	236	'68
28. Greater Scaup	1967	7	23	6	'68, '77
29. Lesser Scaup	1954	27	87	166	'84
30. Oldsquaw	1970	4	13	5	'80
31. Surf Scoter	1962	1	3	1	'62
32. White-winged Scoter	1973	1	3	1	'73
33. Common Goldeneye	1954	31	100	192	'77
34. Barrow's Goldeneye	1973	2	6	1	'73, '84
35. Bufflehead	1954	26	84	69	'81
36. Hooded Merganser	1955	27	87	31	'81
37. Common Merganser	1954	31	100	3000	'54
38. Red-breasted Merganser	1954	11	35	9	'82
39. Ruddy Duck	1954	20	65	20	'62
40. Bald Eagle	1955	12	39	5	'83
41. Northern Harrier	1955	30	97	32	'80
42. Sharp-shinned Hawk	1955	23	74	7	'76
43. Cooper's Hawk	1956	23	74	4	'59, '63, '84
44. Northern Goshawk	1955	16	52	4	'73, '82
45. Red-tailed Hawk	1954	31	100	62	'84
"Western" race	1954	31	100	57	'84
"Harlan's" race	1954	20	65	12	'81

ø-Not considered feral in Colorado.

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		No.	#	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
93. Black-capped Chickadee	1954	31	100	524	'77
94. Mountain Chickadee	1954	31	100	567	'71
95. Bushtit	1956	12	39	187	'78
96. Red-breasted Nuthatch	1955	26	84	85	'72
97. White-breasted Nuthatch	1954	31	100	91	'76
98. Pygmy Nuthatch	1954	31	100	419	'76
99. Brown Creeper	1954	31	100	54	'81
100. Rock Wren	1954	8	26	5	'70
101. Canyon Wren	1954	31	100	18	'58
102. Bewick's Wren	1961	1	3	1	'61
103. House Wren	1975	2	6	1	'75, '79
104. Winter Wren	1954	15	48	7	'74
105. Marsh Wren	1955	13	42	11	'74
106. American Dipper	1954	31	100	41	'81
107. Golden-crowned Kinglet	1954	22	71	43	'71
108. Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1960	15	48	11	'81
109. Western Bluebird	1974	1	3	2	'74
110. Mountain Bluebird	1961	3	10	2	'75
111. Townsend's Solitaire	1954	31	100	302	'77
112. Hermit Thrush	1971	1	3	1	'71
113. Wood Thrush	1984	1	3	1	'84
114. American Robin	1954	31	100	1066	'69
115. Northern Mockingbird	1955	11	35	2	'62, '68
116. Brown Thrasher	1962	7	23	1	'62, '63, '69, '70, '72, '75, '76
117. Water Pipit	1957	17	55	9	'71
118. Bohemian Waxwing	1956	10	32	2922	'68
119. Cedar Waxwing	1954	15	48	78	'81
120. Northern Shrike	1954	31	100	18	'75
121. Loggerhead Shrike	1955	5	16	2	'79
122. European Starling	1954	31	100	5559	'79
123. Yellow-rumped Warbler	1957	5	16	5	'57
"Myrtle" race	1957	2	6	1	'57, '70
"Audubon's" race	1957	2	6	4	'57
124. Pine Warbler	1979	1	3	1	'79
125. Common Yellowthroat	1973	1	3	1	'73
126. Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1977	1	3	1	'77
127. Green-tailed Towhee	1962	2	6	1	'62, '69
128. Rufous-sided Towhee	1954	31	100	83	'83
129. Brown Towhee	1961	1	3	2	'61
130. American Tree Sparrow	1954	31	100	3538	'73
131. Fox Sparrow	1954	16	52	6	'70
132. Song Sparrow	1954	31	100	344	'81
133. Lincoln's Sparrow	1954	10	32	4	'73
134. Swamp Sparrow	1954	16	52	5	'77
135. White-throated Sparrow	1954	19	61	14	'77
136. Golden-crowned Sparrow	1967	2	6	1	'67, '84
137. White-crowned Sparrow	1954	31	100	348	'65
138. Harris' Sparrow	1955	29	94	40	'69

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		No.	%	NUMBER	YEAR(S)
139. Dark-eyed Junco	1954	31	100	2158	'79
"White-winged" race	1954	31	100	253	'72
"Slate-colored" race	1954	31	100	462	'83
"Oregon" race	1954	31	100	923	'74
"Gray-headed" race	1954	31	100	618	'74
140. McCown's Longspur	1978	1	3	2	'78
141. Lapland Longspur	1972	7	23	20	'83
142. Chestnut-collared Longspur	1957	2	6	3	'78
143. Snow Bunting	1977	2	6	12	'83
144. Red-winged Blackbird	1954	31	100	2692	'64
145. Western Meadowlark	1954	31	100	515	'62
146. Yellow-headed Blackbird	1957	3	10	1	'57, '68, '77
147. Rusty Blackbird	1959	9	29	20	'81
148. Brewer's Blackbird	1954	28	90	619	'58
149. Common Grackle	1959	6	19	11	'76
150. Brown-headed Cowbird	1983	1	3	1	'83
151. Northern Oriole	1982	1	3	1	'82
"Bullock's" race	1982	1	3	1	'82
152. Rosy Finch	1954	26	84	540	'72
"Gray-crowned" race	1954	23	74	535	'72
"Black" race	1954	17	55	25	'67, '75, '76
"Brown-capped" race	1954	6	19	208	'56
153. Pine Grosbeak	1961	8	26	20	'74
154. Purple Finch	1971	1	3	1	'71
155. Cassin's Finch	1954	30	97	628	'63
156. House Finch	1954	31	100	1897	'81
157. Red Crossbill	1955	17	55	171	'84
158. White-winged Crossbill	1969	1	3	75	'69
159. Common Redpoll	1961	13	42	91	'75
160. Pine Siskin	1954	31	100	1185	'67
161. Lesser Goldfinch	1960	7	23	14	'64
162. American Goldfinch	1954	31	100	651	'54
163. Evening Grosbeak	1954	26	84	981	'84
164. House Sparrow	1954	31	100	1495	'75



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REVIEW AND PREVIEW OF COLORADO RAPTORS

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NOVEMBER 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- NOVEMBER 2, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands and Vail Reservoir (PNGL). Leader: Ben Moore.
Observers: Virginia Edens, Dick & Hilda Eichenberger, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, D.W. King, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy becoming partly sunny; wind, strong NW; 40-55°).
160 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8½ hours. (33 species, 2267 individuals).
- 3, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: David Blue, Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo, Ron Carter, Lori Chappell, Virginia Edens, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Larry Halsey, Bob Jickling, Barbara Jones, Ken LaBorde, Wade Leitner, Randy Lentz, Bill Maynard, Bob Righter, Larry Sanders, Don & Jo Shrode, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy becoming clear by mid-morning; wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 38-64°).
26 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours. (58 species, 1660 individuals).

NOVEMBER 9, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull. No report received.

- 10, Sunday. Fairmount Cemetery and Windsor Lake (FCWL). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observer: Warren Finch. (Overcast, light snow; wind, 0-10 MPH; 10-18°). 1½ miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 3.75 hours. (25 species, 419 individuals).
- 13, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Fog early becoming clear to partly cloudy; wind, NE 5-10 MPH; 20-30°). 36 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (58 species, 2041 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Douglas County: West Plum Creek to Castlewood Canyon State Park (DC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Ron Carter, Al Hay, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, John Sanden, Don & Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; cool). 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (30 species, 222 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Dave Balogh, Ron Carter. (Partly cloudy; windy; 35°). 20 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (29 species, 209 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Orchard, Jackson Reservoir, Sterling (cemetery), North Sterling Reservoir, Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Mostly cloudy; wind, NE 5-10 MPH; 20-45°). 346 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 11 hours. (49 species, 20544 individuals).
- 18, Monday. Denver Metropolitan Area: Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Chatfield State Park (DENV). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Sky obscured in fog becoming partly cloudy, hazy; wind, NW 0-5 MPH changing to NE 5-15 MPH; 30-41°). 119 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9½ hours. (59 species, 5945 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Dave Balogh, Randy Bangert, Evan & Ives Hannay, John Hardister, Kathy Hawkins, Randy Lentz, Dick Pratt, Jack Reddall, Peter Root, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind 0-5 MPH; 11-30°). 7½ hours. (55 species, 2050 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leaders: Diana & Don Mullineaux. Observer: Ron Carter. (Wind, calm; 20-40°). 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5½ hours. (33 species, 2061 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Boulder area. Leader: Judy Ward. Trip Canceled.

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	2 PNGL PLNS	3 CCRA PLNS	10 FCWL PLNS	13 CCRA PLNS	16 DC PF	17 BC PL	17 NECOL PLAIN	18 DENV PLNS	23 CHAT PLNS	24 NWDL PLNS
Pacific Loon		1						1	1	
Common Loon		5		3			1	2	3	
Pied-billed Grebe		2	1	2				5	4	2
Horned Grebe		40		20			2	5	6	
Eared Grebe		100		65				51	1	
Western Grebe		50		15		2	2	12	3	1
Clark's Grebe		1		1						
Double-crested Cormorant		4		2		1		12	11	
Great Blue Heron		2				1			2	
Black-crowned Night Heron				1a1i						
Tundra Swan								1im		
Greater White-fronted Goose				1im						
Snow Goose										
"White" form		35					14			
Ross' Goose								1ad		
Canada Goose	1	160	33	225		45	2500	575	1000	767
Green-winged Teal		60		5		8	10	75	5	

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	2 PNGL PLNS	3 CCRA PLNS	10 FCWL PLNS	13 CCRA PLNS	16 DC PF	17 BC PL	17 NECOL PLAIN	18 DENV PLNS	23 CHAT PLNS	24 NWDL PLNS	
Mallard	2000	35	18	100		16	11100	200	37	296	
Northern Pintail		1m2f		15					8		
Northern Shoveler		1fe		1fe		1	1fe	100	7	407	
Gadwall	2	1ma				5		60	2		
American Wigeon		6		6		3	8	60	4	12	
Canvasback				3m7f				2fe	8		
Redhead		8		5m2f				1ma	8	11	
Ring-necked Duck								2ma	12	149	
Lesser Scaup				55		4	200	50	1	16	
Oldsquaw										2fe	
White-winged Scoter							3				
Common Goldeneye		3m5f	3m2f	7		5	13	150	19	17	
Barrow's Goldeneye									1		
Bufflehead	4	1m6f		1ma			1m1f	35	24	1	
Hooded Merganser									3		
Common Merganser		12	5fe	500			3500	2500	500	26	
Red-breasted Merganser		9fe		12fe				2fe			
Ruddy Duck		3						2			
Bald Eagle							1im		2		
Northern Harrier	2	1m3f	1fe		1		2m1f	1im	1		
Cooper's Hawk				1ad							
Northern Goshawk							1im		1		
Red-tailed Hawk	3								2	2	
"Western" races		2ad	1	2	3	4	3	1ad			
Ferruginous Hawk	1			1a1i	1	1	3ad	1ad	1		
Rough-legged Hawk	6			1	4		9	2	4		
Golden Eagle	4								1		
American Kestrel	6	2	2	2	2	2	9	4	5		
Merlin							1				
Prairie Falcon		1					1	1	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant		4	1-H	19			2		2		
Virginia Rail		2-H		1-H							
American Coot		10	2				8	65	42	23	
Killdeer	5	6		2					1	1	
Long-billed Dowitcher	14							3			
Common Snipe		10		12		3				1	
Pomarine Jaeger								1ad			
Bonaparte's Gull		4		2				6			
Ring-billed Gull	2	350	22	125		4	800	700	150	233	
California Gull		250		65			100	325		9	
Herring Gull				1a3i			75	30	4		
Thayer's Gull				1im				1im			
Sabine's Gull		1im									
Rock Dove	22	40		9		5	55	80	2	30	
Mourning Dove							4				
Great Horned Owl	2	3ad		1ad		1		1ad	1		
Belted Kingfisher					1	3		2			
Lewis' Woodpecker					4						
Downy Woodpecker					1	1			1		
"Batchelder's" race		1fe	1fe	2ma				2ma			
eastern races	6	4		1ma			5				
Hairy Woodpecker					1						
eastern races		1ma					3				
Northern Flicker							7		3		
"Red-shafted" race	4	10	19	12	2	12		8		4	
Horned Lark		5		5	12		1300	10	14		
Steller's Jay					10						

White-winged Scoter 11-16 through 11-25 (up to 3 individuals) small pond, Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuge" (DB, JC, JR).

Barrow's Goldeneye 11-23 through 11-27 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL, JR, m.ob).

Hooded Merganser 11-23 (3 males, 2 females) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Co. (JC).

Osprey 11-2 (1) South Platte River, Goodrick, Morgan Co. (TJ).

Bald Eagle 11-2 (1 immature) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (TJ); 11-3 (1 immature) just west of Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (BA, DBo); 11-17 (1 immature) Co. Rd V at Colo. Hwy. 144 (south of Orchard), Morgan Co. (JR); 11-23 (1 adult) Chatfield State Park (KL); 11-23 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH, JR); 11-25 (5 immatures) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (DB, JC); 11-27 (1 adult) flying over the Denver Federal Center, Lakewood (DS).

Cooper's Hawk 11-12 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 11-23 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH, JR).

Merlin 11-2 (1 female - "Richardson's" race) Orchard, Morgan Co. (TJ); 11-19 (1) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 11-27 (1 male - "Richardson's" race) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Northern Bobwhite 11-16 (3) S. Platte River, Orchard (DB).

Black-bellied Plover 11-1 (10) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).

Lesser Golden-Plover 11-1 (7) Latham Reservoir (JC).

Greater Yellowlegs 11-2 (1) Barr Lake State Park (WL, JR); 11-3 (1) Empire Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).

Long-billed Dowitcher 11-8 (3) Windsor Lake, Windsor (JC).

Pomarine Jaeger 11-17 through 11-30 (1 adult, light phase) Cherry Creek Reservoir (mob. - first found by WL).

Parasitic Jaeger 11-3 through 11-8 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL, JR, BR).

Bonaparte's Gull 11-2 (25) Prewitt Reservoir (JC); 11-19 (8) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DS).

Thayer's Gull 11-13 through 11-27 (2 immatures, 1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL, JR).

Sabine's Gull 11-3 (1 immature) Prewitt Reservoir (DBo, BA).

Burrowing Owl 11-2 (1) Buckley Rd. at 72nd Ave., Adams Co. (WL, JR).

Gray Jay 11-29 (2) Zimmerman Lake near Cameron Pass, Larimer Co. (DB).

Pinyon Jay 11-3 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (DBo, BA).

Mountain Chickadee 11-3 (1) Muir Springs Park (DBo, BA).

Marsh Wren 11-3 (1) Muir Springs Park (DBo, BA).

Eastern Bluebird 11-3 (1 female) near Prewitt Reservoir (DBo, BA).

Brown Thrasher 11-29 (1) 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada (AH).

Cedar Waxwing 11-21 (1) 1748 S. Van Gordon Ct., Lakewood (DS).

Solitary Vireo 11-5 (1) 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada (AH).

Tennessee Warbler 11-2 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (WL, JR).

Swamp Sparrow 11-24 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DS).

Dark-eyed Junco 11-3 (3) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (PE).

Lapland Longspur 11-27 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL, JR).

Northern Oriole 11-20 (1 female - "Baltimore" race) Muir Springs Park (DB, BR).

Rosy Finch 11-30 (1 - "Gray-crowned" race) 4644 S. Zang St., Morrison, Jefferson Co. (KL).

Redpoll 11-10 (1 female) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village (DR, JR); 11-27 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL, JR).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1986:

- JANUARY 4, Saturday. South Platte Urban. Leader: Lyle Jordan (770-1033). Meet 8:00 AM at S. Federal Blvd. & Bellevue - in front of King Soopers. ½ day.
- 5, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 AM at West Gate CCRA.*
- 11, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 8:00 AM at the Denver Museum of Natural History, North lot (IMAX).*

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COLORADO STATE BIRD LIST
(As of 11-1-85)

Set forth below is a complete listing of the 441 species of birds recorded as having occurred in Colorado as of November 1, 1985. Those species appearing in CAPITAL LETTERS are considered extremely rare or accidental within the state. In addition, those underlined and earmarked with an asterisk (*), while not as rare or unusual in occurrence, pose difficult field identification problems. Therefore, all field observers are encouraged to prepare detailed, written documentation to support the sighting of one of these species. Good documentation should include: 1) size and shape, 2) general impressions of the bird, 3) description of the plumage, 4) description of the soft parts (bill, legs, feet), 6) voice, 7) actions noted about the bird, 8) age and sex, and 9) elimination of similarly appearing species (most important!). Written documentation must accompany all reported sightings of extremely rare or accidental birds (or new species for the state) as well as for those posing difficult field identification problems in order to be considered for publication in the Lark Bunting. This applies to observations made on a scheduled DFO Field Trip and those made by an individual(s) and submitted for publication under "Additional Monthly Reports". A file of all written documentation received will be maintained. Continue to send all Field Trip Reports and Individual Reports to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

RED-THROATED LOON	Tundra Swan	Common Merganser
Pacific Loon	TRUMPETER SWAN	Red-breasted Merganser
Common Loon	Gtr. White-fronted Goose	Ruddy Duck
YELLOW-BILLED LOON	Snow Goose	Turkey Vulture
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>Ross' Goose(*)</u>	Osprey
Horned Grebe	BRANT	AM. SWALLOW-TAILED KITE
RED-NECKED GREBE	Canada Goose	Mississippi Kite
Eared Grebe	Wood Duck	Bald Eagle
Western Grebe	Green-winged Teal	Northern Harrier
Clark's Grebe	AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	Sharp-shinned Hawk
American White Pelican	MOTTLED DUCK	Cooper's Hawk
BROWN PELICAN	Mallard	Northern Goshawk
Double-crested Cormorant	Northern Pintail	COMMON BLACK-HAWK
OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT	Blue-winged Teal	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
ANHINGA	Cinnamon Teal	Broad-winged Hawk
MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD	Northern Shoveler	<u>Swainson's Hawk(*winter)</u>
American Bittern	Gadwall	Red-tailed Hawk
Least Bittern	EURASIAN WIGEON	Ferruginous Hawk
Great Blue Heron	American Wigeon	Rough-legged Hawk
Great Egret	Canvasback	Golden Eagle
Snowy Egret	Redhead	American Kestrel
<u>Little Blue Heron(*im)</u>	Ring-necked Duck	Merlin
TRICOLORED HERON	<u>Greater Scaup(*)</u>	Peregrine Falcon
REDDISH EGRET	Lesser Scaup	GYRFALCON
Cattle Egret	HARLEQUIN DUCK	Prairie Falcon
Green-backed Heron	Oldsquaw	Chukar
Black-crowned Night-Heron	BLACK SCOTER	Ring-necked Pheasant
<u>Yellow-cr. Night-Heron(*im)</u>	Surf Scoter	Blue Grouse
WHITE IBIS	White-Winged Scoter	White-tailed Ptarmigan
White-faced Ibis	Common Goldeneye	Sage Grouse
ROSEATE SPOONBILL	<u>Barrow's Goldeneye(*fe)</u>	Greater Prairie-Chicken
WOOD STORK	Bufflehead	Lesser Prairie-Chicken
BLACK-BELLIED WHIST. DUCK	Hooded Merganser	Sharp-tailed Grouse

Wild Turkey	LITTLE GULL	Lewis' Woodpecker
Northern Bobwhite	Bonaparte's Gull	Red-headed Woodpecker
Scaled Quail	MEW GULL	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Gambel's Quail	Ring-billed Gull	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker(*)
YELLOW RAIL	California Gull	Red-naped Sapsucker
BLACK RAIL	Herring Gull	Williamson's Sapsucker
KING RAIL	Thayer's Gull(*adult)	Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Virginia Rail	LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	Downy Woodpecker
Sora	GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL	Hairy Woodpecker
PURPLE GALLINULE	Glaucous Gull	Three-toed Woodpecker
COMMON MOORHEN	GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	Northern Flicker
American Coot	BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Sandhill Crane	ROSS' GULL	Western Wood-Pewee
Whooping Crane(*plains)	Sabine's Gull	EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE
Black-bellied Plover	IVORY GULL	ALDER FLYCATCHER
Lesser Golden-Plover	CASPIAN TERN	Willow Flycatcher
Snowy Plover	Common Tern	Least Flycatcher
Semipalmated Plover	ARCTIC TERN	Hammond's Flycatcher
Piping Plover	Forster's Tern	Dusky Flycatcher
Killdeer	Least Tern	Gray Flycatcher
Mountain Plover	Black Tern	Western Flycatcher
Black-necked Stilt	ANCIENT MURRELET	BLACK PHOEBE
American Avocet	MARbled MURRELET	Eastern Phoebe
Greater Yellowlegs	Rock Dove	Say's Phoebe
Lesser Yellowlegs	Band-tailed Pigeon	Vermilion Flycatcher
Solitary Sandpiper	WHITE-WINGED DOVE	#DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER
Willet	Mourning Dove	Ash-throated Flycatcher
Spotted Sandpiper	Black-billed Cuckoo	Great Crested Flycatcher
Upland Sandpiper	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Cassin's Kingbird
ESKIMO CURLEW	Greater Roadrunner	Western Kingbird
Whimbrel	GROOVE-BILLED ANI	Eastern Kingbird
Long-billed Curlew	Common Barn-Owl	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
HUDSONIAN GODWIT	Flammulated Owl	Horned Lark
Marbled Godwit	Eastern Screech-Owl	Purple Martin(*plains)
Ruddy Turnstone	Western Screech-Owl	Tree Swallow
Red Knot	Great Horned Owl	Violet-green Swallow
Sanderling	Snowy Owl	No. Rough-winged Swallow
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Northern Pygmy-Owl	Bank Swallow
Western Sandpiper	Burrowing Owl	Cliff Swallow
Least Sandpiper	SPOTTED OWL	Barn Swallow
White-rumped Sandpiper	BARRED OWL	Gray Jay
Baird's Sandpiper	Long-eared Owl	Steller's Jay
Pectoral Sandpiper	Short-eared Owl	Blue Jay
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER	BOREAL OWL	Scrub Jay
Dunlin	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Pinyon Jay
Stilt Sandpiper	LESSER NIGHTHAWK	Clark's Nutcracker
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	Common Nighthawk	Black-billed Magpie
RUFF	Common Poorwill	American Crow
Short-billed Dowitcher(*)	WHIP-POOR-WILL	Chihuahuan Raven
Long-billed Dowitcher	Black Swift	Common Raven
Common Snipe	Chimney Swift	Black-capped Chickadee
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	White-throated Swift	Mountain Chickadee
Wilson's Phalarope	BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	Plain Titmouse
Red-necked Phalarope	Magnificent Hummingbird	Bushtit
RED PHALAROPE	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pomarine Jaeger(*im)	ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	White-breasted Nuthatch
Parasitic Jaeger(*im)	Calliope Hummingbird	Pygmy Nuthatch
LONG-TAILED JAEGER	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Brown Creeper
LAUGHING GULL	Rufous Hummingbird	Rock Wren
Franklin's Gull	Belted Kingfisher	Canyon Wren

CAROLINA WREN	HERMIT WARBLER	LeCONTE'S SPARROW
Bewick's Wren	Black-thr. Green Warbler	SHARP-TAILED SPARROW
House Wren	Blackburnian Warbler	Fox Sparrow
Winter Wren	YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	Song Sparrow
SEDGE WREN	Grace's Warbler	Lincoln's Sparrow
Marsh Wren	PINE WARBLER	Swamp Sparrow
American Dipper	PRAIRIE WARBLER	White-throated Sparrow
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Palm Warbler	<u>Golden-crowned Sparrow(*im)</u>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>Bay-breasted Warbler(*fall)</u>	White-crowned Sparrow
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<u>Blackpoll Warbler(*fall)</u>	Harris' Sparrow
Eastern Bluebird	CERULEAN WARBLER	Dark-eyed Junco
Western Bluebird	Black-and-white Warbler	McCown's Longspur
Mountain Bluebird	American Redstart	Lapland Longspur
Townsend's Solitaire	PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Veery	Worm-eating Warbler	Snow Bunting
<u>Gray-cheeked Thrush(*)</u>	SWAINSON'S WARBLER	Bobolink
Swainson's Thrush	Ovenbird	Red-winged Blackbird
Hermit Thrush	Northern Waterthrush	EASTERN MEADOWLARK
WOOD THRUSH	LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	Western Meadowlark
American Robin	KENTUCKY WARBLER	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Varied Thrush	CONNECTICUT WARBLER	Rusty Blackbird
Gray Catbird	MOURNING WARBLER	Brewer's Blackbird
Northern Mockingbird	MacGillivray's Warbler	Great-tailed Grackle
Sage Thrasher	Common Yellowthroat	Common Grackle
Brown Thrasher	Hooded Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
#LONG-BILLED THRASHER	Wilson's Warbler	Orchard Oriole
BENDIRE'S THRASHER	CANADA WARBLER	Northern Oriole
Curve-billed Thrasher	PAINTED REDSTART	<u>Scott's Oriole(*plains)</u>
Water Pipit	Yellow-breasted Chat	BRAMBLING
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT	<u>Hepatic Tanager(*)</u>	Rosy Finch
Bohemian Waxwing	<u>Summer Tanager(*)</u>	Pine Grosbeak
Cedar Waxwing	<u>Scarlet Tanager(*fall)</u>	PURPLE FINCH
PHAINOPEPLA	Western Tanager	Cassin's Finch
Northern Shrike	Northern Cardinal	House Finch
Loggerhead Shrike	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Red Crossbill
European Starling	Black-headed Grosbeak	WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL
WHITE-EYED VIREO	Blue Grosbeak	Common Redpoll
Bell's Vireo	Lazuli Bunting	Pine Siskin
Gray Vireo	Indigo Bunting	Lesser Goldfinch
Solitary Vireo	PAINTED BUNTING	American Goldfinch
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	Dickcissel	Evening Grosbeak
Warbling Vireo	Green-tailed Towhee	House Sparrow
<u>Philadelphia Vireo(*)</u>	Rufous-sided Towhee	
Red-eyed Vireo	Brown Towhee	
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	Cassin's Sparrow	
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	
Tennessee Warbler	American Tree Sparrow	
Orange-crowned Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	
Nashville Warbler	Clay-colored Sparrow	
Virginia's Warbler	Brewer's Sparrow	
LUCY'S WARBLER	Field Sparrow	
Northern Parula	Vesper Sparrow	
Yellow Warbler	Lark Sparrow	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Black-throated Sparrow	
Magnolia Warbler	<u>Sage Sparrow(*plains)</u>	
<u>Cape May Warbler(*fall)</u>	Lark Bunting	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	Savannah Sparrow	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	BAIRD'S SPARROW	
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	Grasshopper Sparrow	
Townsend's Warbler	HENSLOW'S SPARROW	

#Unquestionably should be dropped from the State List. Specimens supposedly secured within Colorado are obviously mislabeled. Sight Records open to question.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS FROM 35th SUPPLEMENT TO THE A.O.U. CHECK-LIST OF NORTH
AMERICAN BIRDS

(The Auk 102: 680-686)

For those interested in keeping their A.O.U. area Check-Lists as current as possible, listed below are the latest updates to the A.O.U. CHECK-LIST-6th Edition, 1983 as published in the 35th Supplement (for the United States and Canada=North America only).

NEW SPECIES ADDED (11):

PACIFIC LOON-Gavia pacifica (split from ARCTIC LOON-Gavia arctica)
CLARK'S GREBE-Aechmophorus clarkii (split from WESTERN GREBE-Aechmophorus occidentalis)
WESTERN REEF-HERON-Egretta gularis
NORTHERN HOBBY-Falco subbuteo
BLACK-WINGED STILT-Himantopus himantopus
GREEN SANDPIPER-Tringa ocrophus
RED-NAPE SAPSUCKER-Sphyrapicus nuchalis (split from YELLOW-BELLIED SAP-
SUCKER-Sphyrapicus varius)
BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN-Phaeoprogne tapera
EURASIAN JACKDAW-Corvus monedula
LANCEOLATED WARBLER-Locustella lanceolata
RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL-Tarsiger cyanurus

ENGLISH NAME CHANGE:

AMERICAN BLACK OYSTERCATCHER changed to BLACK OYSTERCATCHER

The additions bring the total of United States and Canada (=North America) to 853 species for the A.O.U. Check-List. The 6th Edition was expanded to cover Bermuda, the West Indies and Middle America (Mexico through Panama) and Hawaii. The species from this expanded area are not included in the total of 853.

If you are interested in the American Birding Association Checklist area, the total number of species currently stands at 846 (through the 1985 Supplement to the A.B.A. CHECKLIST-2nd Edition). Interestingly, the A.O.U. lists 15 species that are not on the latest A.B.A. listing, while A.B.A. includes 8 species not listed by A.O.U., thus the current difference of 7 (853 A.O.U. vs. 846 A.B.A.). Most of the differences stem from acceptance rules. A.O.U. does not accept Sight Records only. A.B.A. closely scrutinizes the origin of accidentals and exotics while exercising tight "establishment" criteria for introduced and escaped species (see A.B.A. CHECKLIST-2nd Edition, page 7).

A.B.A. SPECIES NOT ON A.O.U. (8)

Black-browed Albatross
Stejneger's Petrel
Black-tailed Gull
Large-billed Tern
Cuban Emerald
Thick-billed Vireo
Stonechat
Crescent-chested Warbler

A.O.U. SPECIES NOT ON A.B.A. (15)

Pacific Loon
Clark's Grebe
Great Frigatebird
Lesser White-fronted Goose
Band-tailed Gull
Rose-winged Parakeet
Monk Parakeet
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Red-naped Sapsucker
Brown-chested Martin
Eurasian Jackdaw
Eurasian Blackbird
Worthern's Sparrow
Common Chaffinch
European Goldfinch